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Chapter I
Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 29 April 2010 and its substantive session from 7 June to 2 July 2010 at United Nations Headquarters. It held a total of 19 meetings and a number of informal consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the fiftieth session, adopted by the Committee at its organizational session (1st meeting), is contained in annex I to the present report.

Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At its 1st meeting, on 29 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2010/L.2), submitted pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267, informing the Committee that there were no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit available for consideration at its fiftieth session.

Programme of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 29 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2010/L.1), listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 June, the Committee approved its provisional programme of work for the session, with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session.

6. Following the 2nd meeting, an informal briefing on organizational issues related to the session was given by the Secretary of the Committee and an informal briefing on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 was given by the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division.

B. Election of officers

7. At its 1st meeting, on 29 April, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Vladimir Pavlovich (Belarus) Chair of the Committee for the fiftieth session.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for the fiftieth session: Vice-Chairs: Loipa Sánchez Lorenzo (Cuba), Ron Adam (Israel) and Muhammad Irfan Soomro (Pakistan).

9. At its 12th meeting, on 15 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Felix Ayibanuah Datuowei (Nigeria), Rapporteur of the fiftieth session.

10. The members of the Bureau for the fiftieth session of the Committee are listed below:

Chair:

Vladimir Pavlovich (Belarus)

Vice-Chairs:
Loipa Sánchez Lorenzo (Cuba)
Ron Adam (Israel)
Muhammad Irfan Soomro (Pakistan)

Rapporteur:
Felix Ayibanuah Datuowei (Nigeria)

C. Attendance

11. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented on the Committee:

Argentina
Armenia
Bangladesh
Belarus
Brazil
Central African Republic
China
Comoros
Cuba
Guinea
Haiti
India
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Pakistan
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
South Africa
Spain
Ukraine
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

12. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Algeria
Australia
Austria
Cameroon
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Egypt
Ethiopia
Ghana
Japan
Poland
Senegal
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America

13. The following funds and programmes were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
United Nations Human Settlements Programme

14. Also present at the session were the Deputy Chef de Cabinet of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General; the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and Special Adviser on Africa; the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel; the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; the Deputy United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Under-Secretary-General for Public Information; the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security; the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller; the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs; the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; the Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services; the Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Information Technology Officer; the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the Executive Secretary of the International Civil Service Commission; the Executive Secretary of the Joint Inspection Unit; the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre; the Director of the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB); and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

15. The following programmes and/or parts of programmes of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 were discussed by videoconference: programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space; programme 10, Trade and development; programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice; programme 14, Economic and social development in Africa; programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; programme 16, Economic development in Europe; programme 18, Economic and social development in Western Asia; programme 19, Human rights; programme 20, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees; and programme 24, Management and support services.

D. Documentation

16. The list of documents before the Committee at its fiftieth session is set out in annex II to the present report.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

17. At its 19th meeting, on 2 July, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee (E/AC.51/2010/L.4 and Add.1-32).

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its fiftieth session (E/AC.51/2010/L.4 and Add.1-32).

19. Before the closure of the session, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, China, South Africa, Pakistan, Haiti, Italy, Israel, the Russian Federation, Brazil, India, Spain, Jamaica, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Uruguay and Argentina.

Chapter II
Programme questions

A. Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013

Part one:
Plan outline

20. At its 5th meeting, on 9 June 2010, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered part one, plan outline, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Part one)).

21. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

22. General appreciation and support were expressed for the presentation of a document that reflected a balance between both an inward- and an outward-looking approach. In that regard, it was indicated that the plan outline was inward-looking in terms of establishing clear priorities and strategies and clarifying the modalities of why and how the United Nations carried out its responsibilities as well as the efforts made to address concerns of efficiency, accountability and performance. The report was outward-looking in terms of results and impact expected on the ground, and as regards outputs in terms of what was actually delivered in responding to the needs of Member States, while mindful of the element of collective responsibility in contributing to the success of the plan. It was pointed out that the plan outline was also forward-looking in that it tried to be pre-emptive and proactive, and anticipated, to the extent possible, emerging international trends.

23. Appreciation was also expressed for maintaining the eight priorities identified since 1998 as priority areas for the period 2012-2013. The view was expressed that all of the eight priority areas deserved equal attention. It was emphasized that the strategic framework was the principal policy directive of the Organization and the basis for the formulation of the programme budget.

24. It was noted that the report was an improvement on previous plan outlines, as it reflected a greater response to meeting the provisions set out in General Assembly resolution 59/275 in order to better reflect the long-term objectives in line with legislative mandates.

25. The need to present action- and results-based objectives was highlighted, and the need to improve their presentation was stressed.

26. It was pointed out that insufficient reflection had been given to the ongoing managerial reform processes being carried out in the Organization, including in procurement, human resources and the accountability framework.

27. It was noted that, while reference was made to African development as one of the priority areas of the Organization, that goal needed to be further expanded in the report and not just included as part of the Millennium Development Goals.

28. In addition, it was noted that the eradication of poverty was not addressed as a main objective of the Organization, thus limiting its importance to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

29. It was noted that the respective roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat, including personal accountability at all levels with respect to Member States, had not been made clear.

30. The view was also expressed that a better distinction should be made between the role of civil society and the private sector with respect to Member States, taking into account the intergovernmental character of the Organization.

Conclusions and recommendations

31. **The Committee reiterated the importance of the longer-term objectives of the Organization, which were aimed at ensuring the full achievement of its goals. In that regard, the Committee stressed the need for coordinated efforts by the Secretariat to improve the formulation of suitable expected accomplishments in such a way that, at the stage of budget preparation, all activities and outputs mandated by Member States would be effectively and efficiently included for the effective and efficient implementation of the mandates.**

32. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the eight priorities for the period 2012-2013 contained in paragraph 47 of the plan outline (A/65/6 (Part one)).**

33. **While recognizing the improvement in the logical framework, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly continue to encourage programme managers to further improve the qualitative aspects of indicators of achievements, to enable better evaluation of results, bearing in mind that indicators should be strategic, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound.**

34. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to present future plan outlines of the proposed strategic frameworks, taking fully into account the guidelines provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/275, 61/235, 62/224 and 63/247, as well as subsequent relevant resolutions, in order to ensure that they capture more accurately the longer-term objectives of the Organization, based on all mandates approved by the Member States.**

35. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to fully implement Assembly resolution 64/259, entitled "Towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat", in order to achieve objectives and high-quality results in a timely and cost-effective manner while fully implementing and delivering on all mandates given to the Secretariat, as approved by the United Nations intergovernmental bodies and other subsidiary organs.**

36. **The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to present concrete measures and actions taken to promote the culture of accountability within the Secretariat in future plan outlines and biennial programme plans of the strategic framework.**

37. **The Committee identified the following areas of concern regarding the plan outline of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Part one)):**

(a) **Insufficient action- and results-based objectives;**

(b) **Insufficient reflection on the ongoing managerial reform processes in the Organization, including in procurement, human resources and the accountability framework;**

(c) **Poverty eradication had not been addressed as a main objective, but rather limited to one of the Millennium Development Goals;**

(d) **The Committee on World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) had not been recognized as the main organ dealing with the food security issue;**

(e) **The intention to operationalize the concept of the "responsibility to protect" despite the fact that it was still under consideration by the General Assembly;**

(f) **The food and energy crises were not adequately reflected;**

(g) **The respective roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat, including personal accountability at all levels with respect to Member States, were not clear;**

(h) **The intention to incorporate new principles, such as "the principle of collective responsibility" was not part of the intergovernmental agreement.**

Programme 1
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

38. At its 5th meeting, on 9 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 1)).

39. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

40. Support and recognition of the overall objectives of the programme were expressed. The Committee welcomed the information meetings held with the Department for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management as useful opportunities to provide feedback and enable the Department to address complaints and problems with conference servicing. Appreciation was expressed for the progress achieved in regard to integrated global management.

41. Emphasis was placed on ensuring the provision of high-quality conference-servicing support and caution was expressed that this should not be compromised by the Department in its pursuit of cost efficiencies.

42. There was general agreement on the changes proposed by the Committee on Conferences, as reflected in E/AC.51/2010/CRP.1; the recommendations would form a good basis for revisions to the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, as they reflected the approach of the Committee on Conferences to the work of the Department.

43. Support was expressed for the outreach language programme to universities in countries in which the United Nations languages were spoken, which would enhance the pool of qualified language professionals and promote the prestige associated with working for the United Nations.

44. Reference was made to General Assembly resolution 61/266 on multilingualism, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services were given equal treatment and were provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources. It was emphasized that this should not compromise the quality of services provided.

45. Concerns were expressed regarding the "green initiative" in conference services and the Committee welcomed further information on the medium-term strategy for this activity, bearing in mind that the initiative was still under review by Member States. The view was expressed that care should be taken to ensure that the initiative did not violate the relevant provisions governing procurement or lead to increased expenditure.

46. Comments were made regarding the recent improvements in the timely processing and issuance of reports considered by the Fifth Committee, and clarification was provided on the proactive measures being taken to improve the accountability of author departments and to improve documentation related to the activities of the Human Rights Council. It was emphasized that the Department should continue its efforts to ensure the timely issuance of documents to Member States and participants at meetings, in accordance with the six-week rule for the availability of documentation.

47. Queries were raised as to the feasibility of attaining some of the absolute indicators of achievement, such as no complaints by representatives of Member States with respect to various conference services.

48. It was suggested that the uninterrupted delivery of services during the implementation of the capital master plan at Headquarters should be maintained as the fifth overall objective for the programme.

49. Clarification was sought as to the use of local and non-local temporary assistance to service meetings, the increased use of contractual translation services, and the meeting services provided for the regional and other groupings of Member States.

Conclusions and recommendations

50. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 1.1

Delete the word "and" before objective (d) and add a new overall objective (e) to read: "and (e) to ensure uninterrupted delivery of services during the implementation of the capital master plan at Headquarters".

Paragraph 1.3

Replace the words "to actively provide" with the words "to provide in a proactive manner".

A. Conference management, New York

Subprogramme 1
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "procedural documents" with the words "final reports".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (b), replace the words "procedural documents" with the words "final reports".

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (d) to read:

> **"(d) Strengthening of the responsibility and accountability system within the Secretariat in order to ensure the timely processing and timely issuance of documents to Member States and participants at meetings, in accordance with the six-week rule for the availability of documentation, unless otherwise decided by the relevant decision-making bodies".**

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator (d) to read:

> **"(d) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time, within page limits as agreed by Member States and issued in accordance with the six-week rule, unless otherwise decided by the relevant decision-making bodies".**

In indicator (e) (ii), after the words "provided with", insert the word "adequate".

Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

After the words "to ensure", insert the words "the presentation of the documentation in time and".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (b), add the words "without adversely affecting their quality".

Add a new expected accomplishment (c) to read:

"(c) Timely submission of the documentation needed for the meetings".

Add a new expected accomplishment (d) to read:

"(d) Quality and timely translation of all documents necessary for the deliberations of the intergovernmental bodies".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator (b) (i) to read:

"(i) Increased proportion of translation done contractually, where that mode of delivery yields a final product that is of comparable quality to translation done in-house".

Revise indicator (b) (ii) to read:

"(ii) Full delivery of core outputs by editors and translators".

Add a new indicator (c) to read:

"(c) More meetings that receive the documentation on time, in accordance with the six-week rule".

Add a new indicator (d) to read:

"(d) No complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental bodies as to the quality and timeliness of the translated documents".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (b) (v) to read:

"(v) Increased utilization of internal printing capacity".

Strategy

Paragraph 1.8

Delete subparagraph (f).

B. Conference management, Geneva

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (d) to read:

> **"(d) Strengthening of the responsibility and accountability system within the Secretariat in order to ensure the timely processing and timely issuance of documents to Member States and participants at meetings, in accordance with the six-week rule for the availability of documentation, unless otherwise decided by the relevant decision-making bodies".**

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"(c) More meetings that receive the documentation on time, in accordance with the six-week rule".

Add a new indicator (d) to read:

"(d) No complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental bodies as to the quality and timeliness of the translated documents".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (b) (v) to read:

"(v) Increased utilization of internal printing capacity".

Strategy

Paragraph 1.11

Delete subparagraph (f).

C. Conference management, Vienna

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

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Indicators of achievement

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In indicator (e), after the words "provided with", insert the word "adequate".

Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

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> **"(ii) Full delivery of core outputs by editors and translators".**

Add a new indicator (c) to read:

> **"(c) More meetings that receive the documentation on time, in accordance with the six-week rule".**

Add a new indicator (d) to read:

> **"(d) No complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental bodies as to the quality and timeliness of the translated documents".**

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (b) (v) to read:

> **"(v) Increased utilization of internal printing capacity".**

Strategy

Paragraph 1.14

Delete subparagraph (f).

D. Conference management, Nairobi

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (d) to read:

> **"(d) Strengthening of the responsibility and accountability system within the Secretariat in order to ensure the timely processing and timely issuance of documents to Member States and participants at meetings, in accordance with the six-week rule for the availability of documentation, unless otherwise decided by the relevant decision-making bodies".**

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator (d) to read:

> **"(d) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time, within page limits as agreed by Member States and issued in accordance with the six-week rule, unless otherwise decided by the relevant decision-making bodies".**

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Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

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Add a new indicator (d) to read:

"(d) No complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental bodies as to the quality and timeliness of the translated documents".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (b) (v) to read:

"(v) Increased utilization of internal printing capacity".

Strategy

Paragraph 1.17

Delete subparagraph (f).

Programme 2
Political affairs

51. At its 9th meeting, on 11 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 2)).

52. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

53. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme.

54. A view was expressed that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement were vague and therefore needed further improvement and refinement. Clarification was sought concerning the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force referred to in paragraph 2.2, specifically, at what point was the strategy reviewed by the United Nations and when was it decided that it was to be included in subprogramme 6. Clarification was also sought with regard to the capacity-building mentioned in paragraph 2.4, which refers to "striving to reinforce the capacity of Member States, the international community and other regional organizations".

55. Clarification was sought as to whether specific recommendations were available yet from the Secretary-General's report on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict, as mentioned in paragraph 2.7. Clarification was also sought

about the role of special political missions in the strategic framework and why no expected accomplishments or indicators of achievement related to special political missions had been included in the framework. Further clarification was sought on the status of the impact of the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs.

56. For subprogramme 1, clarification was sought as to the meaning of the term "potential violent conflict" in expected accomplishment (a). Clarification was also sought as to why indicator of achievement (a) (i) refers to percentage while indicator (a) (ii) refers to number. The view was expressed that it would be easier to measure achievement if the indicator was expressed as a number of regional organizations instead of a percentage. Further clarification was sought as to why regional organizations are included under indicator of achievement (a) (i) and as to which regional organizations the Department would support. The view was expressed that such wording was not appropriate, and that expected accomplishment (a) should include both regional and subregional organizations. The view was expressed that the good work of regional organizations and subregional commissions should be highlighted in the implementation of preventive diplomacy.

57. For subprogramme 2, the view was expressed that the term "peace operations" in paragraph 2.10 should read "peacekeeping operations".

58. For subprogramme 5, clarification was sought about what information is contained on the website mentioned in indicator of achievement (iii) and whether the relevant material has been updated.

59. For subprogramme 6, support was expressed for the establishment of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the subprogramme as a whole. A query about the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force was raised, in particular why General Assembly resolution 1267 (XIII) was not mentioned in the proposed strategic framework. Clarification was sought about the distinction between civil society and civil society entities. A further clarification was sought on whether there was a relevant General Assembly resolution requesting the Secretary-General to liaise with these civil society entities.

60. For subprogramme 7, clarification was sought about the meaning of the word "secular" in paragraph 2.17 as well as the meaning of and how the Department intends to "strengthen the roles of the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator" (para. 2.18). A query was raised about why the expected accomplishments reflect only the Palestinian people and why there was no mention of resolutions related to the Syrian Golan Heights. Further clarification was sought as to why there is no mention of the Syrian and Lebanese peace tracks in the report.

61. For subprogramme 8, the following views were expressed: that indicator of achievement (a) (i) was not under the control of the Secretariat; that while the objective of expected accomplishment (d) is to increase efficiency, the indicator of achievement (d) (iv) concentrates specifically on the Secretariat agenda rather than an international agenda; that expected accomplishment (c) falls short, as it stops at relapse into conflict, while the Secretariat should be prepared to prevent conflict through various prevention methods; that attention should be not only on the countries already in conflict but also on those weak and underdeveloped countries that could become countries in conflict; and that the work of the Secretariat should enhance support for post-conflict countries. Clarification was sought as to whether

the key tasks of the Commission reflected in paragraph 2.20 could be carried out in parallel with peacekeeping tasks.

62. For subprogramme 9, a query was raised as to whether the term "collected", which is reflected in indicator of achievement (a) (i), and the term "registered", reflected under indicator of achievement (a) (iii), are the same and whether there was added value in retaining separate indicators of achievement (i), (ii) and (iii) under (a). A separate view was expressed that indicators of achievement (a) (i), (ii) and (iii) referred to different elements and therefore could not be combined as one. Clarification was sought concerning the number of claims that have been registered to date with the Office and what obstacles the Office faces.

Conclusions and recommendations

63. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 2.7

Replace the second sentence with "The Office will support the work of the Commission by: (a) preparing analytical backgrounds that facilitate the development of the integrated peacebuilding strategies; (b) contributing to the drafting of the reports on the biannual reviews of the strategic frameworks for peacebuilding for countries on the agenda of the Commission; and (c) planning for and preparing the reports on the field visits undertaken by members of the Commission."

Subprogramme 1
Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts

Objective of the Organization

Replace the word "maintain" with the word "promote".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with "Improved capacity and capability of Member States to identify, prevent and address conflict situations".

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with "Maintenance of the peace processes on track".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with the following:

"(a) (i) 100 per cent response to all requests of Member States and regional organizations for preventive action

(a) (ii) Number of good offices efforts to address conflict situations where the United Nations was asked to assist".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following:

"(b) (i) Number of initiatives in support of peace processes

(b) (ii) Number of projects to support peace consolidation efforts".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.9

Replace the paragraph with the following text:

"Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the regional divisions and the Policy and Mediation Division. In order to attain the objective of this subprogramme, the Department will promote a more effective and cohesive response to help prevent, mitigate, manage and resolve conflicts and to address peace consolidation challenges facing countries emerging from crisis or conflict by: (a) responding in a timely manner to conflict situations; (b) providing timely and accurate information, analysis and policy options; (c) formulating recommendations on measures that could be undertaken by the United Nations system; (d) making available and providing substantive and technical support to the Secretary-General's good offices aimed at facilitating the peaceful settlement of complex situations in various regions, including through formal mediation, where appropriate; (e) enhancing capacity for cooperation with regional and subregional organizations; (f) providing substantive support and guidance to special political missions; (g) strengthening the Department's capacity and expertise in order to address more effectively peace and security challenges; (h) undertaking research on peace consolidation issues and best practices by the United Nations system in this area; and (i) developing coherent strategies for crisis prevention and post-conflict peace consolidation, linking diplomatic, security, military, humanitarian and developmental efforts by the United Nations system and other international and regional actors. To this end, the Department of Political Affairs will work closely with other relevant parts of the United Nations system."

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

Strategy

Paragraph 2.10

Insert the words "operations and other United Nations field missions" after the word "peacekeeping".

Paragraph 2.10

In the seventh sentence, replace the word "peace" with the word "peacekeeping" and after the word: "operations" add the words: "and other United Nations field missions".

Subprogramme 3
Security Council affairs

Strategy

Paragraph 2.11

Insert the words "and to all relevant subsidiary organs of the Security Council" after "administrative support to expert monitoring groups and panels".

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

Indicator of achievement

Designate the existing indicator of achievement as (i).

Add a new indicator of achievement as follows:

"(ii) Sustained level of support to the work of the Special Committee in facilitating communication with the administrating powers".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.13

Add the words "or that have not been decolonized according to their specific conditions" after the word "self-determination".

Subprogramme 7
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Strategy

Paragraph 2.17

Delete the word "secular,".

Paragraph 2.18

Replace the word "strengthen" with the word "enhance".

Subprogramme 8
Peacebuilding Support Office

Expected accomplishment of the Secretariat

Replace existing expected accomplishment (a) with "Efficient support to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission to enhance support for post-conflict countries".

Delete the word "violent" from expected accomplishment (c).

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (a) (i) to read "Number of background documents, mapping of initiatives and identification of priorities for country-specific configurations provided on a timely basis and with the highest standard of quality by the Peacebuilding Support Office".

Include a new indicator of achievement (a) (ii) as follows:

"Number of reports provided for the weekly meetings of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Commission".

Renumber the existing indicator of achievement (a) (ii) as (a) (iii) and revise to read "Increased support to visits by the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, Chairs of the country-specific configurations and Commission delegations to deepen interaction with national stakeholders as evidenced in the number of background reports and in coordination and organizational support for these visits".

Revise indicator of achievement (b) to read "Percentage of reports with in-depth analysis submitted within deadlines".

Add a new indicator of achievement (c) (iv) to read "Activities of the Peacebuilding Fund are in line with the priorities identified by the Peacebuilding Commission".

Revise indicator of achievement (d) (i) to read "Number of countries for which integrated peacebuilding strategies are developed".

In indicator of achievement (d) (iv), after the word "recommendations", include the words "accepted by the intergovernmental organs".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.22

Insert the words "accepted by the intergovernmental organs" after the word "recommendations".

Paragraph 2.23

Insert the words "and the rule of law" at the end of the first sentence.

Legislative mandates

Add the following General Assembly resolutions under subprogramme 7:

"64/21 The Syrian Golan

64/95 The occupied Syrian Golan".

Programme 3
Disarmament

64. At its 6th meeting, on 9 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 3)).

65. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

66. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme and the work of the Office for Disarmament Affairs. Clarification was sought on the possible impact on the programme of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

67. The view was expressed that the proposed biennial programme plan placed the due emphasis on general disarmament in the context of maintaining international peace and security. The importance of the work of the regional centres for peace and disarmament in further implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was also emphasized.

68. Clarification was sought on the strategies of the Office for Disarmament Affairs with regard to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and with regard to combating terrorism.

69. The view was expressed that, under subprogrammes 2, 3 and 4, some of the indicators of achievement were too vague for measuring accomplishments. It was suggested to reformulate those indicators to establish better control from the Secretariat.

70. Under subprogramme 1, the view was expressed that the fellowship process under the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme should be better reflected in the strategy.

71. Under subprogramme 2, clarification was sought regarding emerging disarmament issues and related policy options.

72. Under subprogramme 4, clarification was sought on the applicable rules and procedures in connection with the participation of civil society and non-governmental organizations in disarmament activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

73. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 3.2

After the phrase "primary concern to the Organization" insert the words "due to their destructive power and threat to humanity".

Paragraph 3.3

Before the words "international peace and security", replace the word "maintain" with the word "promote".

Replace the words "illicit trafficking in and manufacture of small arms" with the words "illicit manufacture of and trafficking in small arms".

Subprogramme 1
Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), at the end of the sentence, insert the words ", as required".

Subprogramme 3
Conventional arms (including practical disarmament measures)

Strategy

Paragraph 3.9

In subparagraph (c), replace the word "deliberation" with the word "negotiation".

In subparagraph (e), replace the words "conventional ammunition" with the words "ammunition for conventional arms".

In subparagraph (i), before the word "impact" insert the word "possible".

Programme 4
Peacekeeping operations

74. At its 6th meeting, on 9 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 4)).

75. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

76. Overall support was expressed for the programme of work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support. Support was also expressed for improvement in the safety and security of peacekeeping personnel.

77. Clarification was sought regarding the role of the international financial institutions in peacekeeping operations as referenced in paragraph 4.5 (A/65/6 (Prog. 4)).

78. A request was made for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to forecast the trends of peacekeeping missions in terms of changes in missions owing to the fulfilment of mandates.

79. A concern was raised regarding the inconsistency and the need to harmonize the language within the objective of the Organization among all subprogrammes as it relates to the reference to both the Security Council and the General Assembly mandates.

80. It was indicated that some of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievements needed further refinement and that indicators of achievement should focus on the work of the Secretariat, rather than on the Member States.

81. Under subprogramme 1, clarification was sought regarding the difference between the terms "troop- and police-contributing countries", and "other contributing countries".

82. Clarification was sought on subprogramme 2, paragraph 4.12, regarding "special emphasis to supporting African regional peacekeeping military needs".

83. Under subprogramme 3, regret was expressed that the Office of the Rule of Law and Security Institutions had developed activities for peacekeeping and peacebuilding, as there is a gray area between the two and they are not sequential. In addition, concern was expressed that one of the core functions of the Office was "working to strengthen security and the rule of law in the context of peacekeeping and peacebuilding". The view was expressed that the General Assembly had already established clear criteria for these types of activities.

84. Under subprogramme 4, paragraph 4.16, clarification was sought on what is meant by the term "non-United Nations-partners", who they are and what their roles are.

85. Clarification was sought on whether a decision was taken either by the General Assembly or the Security Council to implement the New Horizon agenda.

86. Support was expressed for the Department's effort to train more personnel, in connection with the Department's zero tolerance approach to misconduct.

Conclusions and recommendations

87. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, subject to the following modifications:**

Section A
Peacekeeping operations

Subprogramme 1
Operations

Objective of the Organization

Add the word "and" after the word "plan". Delete the words "and manage" after the word "establish" and add the words ", as well effectively implement relevant General Assembly resolutions" after the word "operations" at the end of the sentence.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with "Provision of timely, informed advice and recommendations on issues related to peacekeeping to the Security Council, the General Assembly, other intergovernmental bodies and troop-contributing and other contributing countries".

Strategy

Paragraph 4.9

Replace the words "troop- and police-contributing" with the word "troop-contributing".

Paragraph 4.10

Delete the words "peace support activities" and replace with "peacekeeping, peacemaking and peacebuilding support activities".

Subprogramme 2
Military

Objective of the Organization

Add the words "and effectively implement relevant General Assembly resolutions" after the word "mandates" at the end of the sentence.

Subprogramme 3
Rule of law and security institutions

Objective of the Organization

After the word "services", delete the words "in accordance with accepted international standards", and replace with the words "in full compliance with the Charter of the United Nations".

Subprogramme 4
Policy, evaluation and training

Strategy

Paragraph 4.16

After the words "non-United Nations partners" add the words ", in accordance with the established procedures,".

Subprogramme 5
Field administrative support

Objective of the Organization

Replace the words "peacekeeping and related operations" with the words "peacekeeping operations and other United Nations field missions".

Section B
Peacekeeping missions

United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with the following: "Timely submission of incident/violation reports to United Nations Headquarters".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (ii) with the following: "Number of investigations of complaints undertaken".

Programme 5
Peaceful uses of outer space

88. At its 7th meeting, on 10 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 5)).

89. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

90. The work of the Office for Outer Space Affairs was recognized and commended. Support was expressed for the programme, particularly the importance of strengthening the capacity of developing countries in the use and applications of space science and technology for sustainable development and increasing awareness of decision makers of the benefits of space science and technology and their applications in addressing societal needs for sustainable development. Support was also expressed regarding the increased number of partnerships and/or synergies with other United Nations system organizations and international space-related entities in the use of space science and technology.

91. Clarification was sought regarding the use and ongoing research of outer space technology for military purposes and weaponization that may jeopardize the programme, and the views of the United Nations on this matter were sought.

92. The view was expressed that there is a need for greater transparency to ensure that the activities geared towards outer space are for peaceful purposes only, and not for military purposes or weaponization. The view was also expressed that actions should be taken to establish a working relationship between the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the Conference on Disarmament.

93. Clarification was sought regarding the efforts of coordination and synergy undertaken with other United Nations programmes and agencies to ensure implementation of programmes in a complementary manner.

94. Questions were raised on how the Office plans to bridge the technological gap and increase access to and understanding of the use and benefits of outer space technologies in developing countries.

95. The view was expressed that the use of outer space applications can help bridge the gap between societies and it is important to share experiences and expertise on the implementation and use of outer space applications with developing countries. The importance of fully engaging developing countries in this process was emphasized.

96. The view was expressed that the objective of the programme seemed vague and clarification was sought on the respective performance measures for indicators of achievement (a) (i) and (b) (ii). Clarification was also sought on the number of partnerships formed as a result of the work of the Office and how developing countries would be measured.

Conclusions and recommendations

97. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework.**

Programme 6
Legal affairs

98. At its 7th meeting, on 10 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 6)).

99. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

100. General appreciation and support were expressed for the work carried out by the Office of Legal Affairs through its various subprogrammes.

101. Clarification was sought on whether the current economic climate was causing a reduction in the international law training programmes. The view was expressed

that the United Nations should increase the resources available for these training programmes and for the continuation of the development of the audio-visual library.

102. Clarification was sought, on the introduction of the Legal Counsel, regarding subprogramme 6, whereby, as part of the effort to contribute to a greener United Nations, the Treaty Section had discontinued the distribution of paper copies of a number of its publications and had reduced the number of distributed copies of the volumes of the United Nations *Treaty Series*, which is fully accessible on the Section's website. The view was expressed that developing countries could have difficulty gaining access to this information on the website owing to limited availability of Internet access. A written response was requested on the details regarding the "greening" of the United Nations.

103. Clarification was sought as to what modalities were being developed for operational activities and initiatives to counter epidemics and other hazards.

104. Clarification was also sought as to what mechanisms were in place for liaison with the appropriate authorities of the host Government and other host countries to ensure that the Organization's international intergovernmental status and related privileges and immunities were maintained.

105. In addition, clarification was sought as to what actions were being taken by the United Nations regarding piracy off the coast of Somalia.

106. The view was expressed that there was a need to increase cooperation on marine biodiversity, transfer of technology and marine renewable energy resources in response to the current and increasing needs and demands of the international community and, in particular, the developing countries, and to strengthen subprogramme 4, the responsible unit for this area.

Conclusions and recommendations

107. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole

Strategy

Add a new paragraph, 6.11, to read:

"The Secretary-General, as the custodian of the Headquarters Agreement, shall reinforce the implementation of the Agreement, in particular its article IV, section 11 and section 13 (a), governing the host country's legal obligation to grant entry visas to the officials of all Member States attending United Nations meetings."

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Indicators of achievement

Add indicator of achievement (b) (iii), to read:

> **"Increased cooperation relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources and their particular biodiversity, in areas beyond national jurisdiction".**

Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (c) insert the words "in deposit or" after the word "received".

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

108. At its 11th meeting, on 14 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 7)).

109. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

110. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme, its presentation, overall orientation, objectives and subprogrammes. The important role and efforts of the programme to facilitate initiatives to eradicate poverty, to support attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, to promote sustainable development and to respond to the economic and financial crisis was emphasized. Support was expressed for the analytical and normative work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and its recommendations on capacity-building, especially with regard to the current economic and financial crisis and to resolving development problems facing developing countries, especially the least developed countries.

111. Under subprogramme 1, the importance of the role of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council in, inter alia, the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, was emphasized. The view was expressed that the Assembly and the Council should mainstream the outcomes of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, to be held in September 2010, in order to enhance efforts towards the attainment of the Goals. The opinion was expressed that the outcome of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the Assembly might lead to a review of some of the expected accomplishments of the subprogramme. The view was expressed that the provisions of Assembly resolution 61/16, concerning the role of the Economic and Social Council in monitoring progress in attaining Millennium Development Goals and facilitating their achievement by means of the annual ministerial review and Development

Cooperation Forum processes, were not fully reflected in the narrative. It was noted that cooperation, coordination and constructive dialogue with other international institutions and civil society should be better reflected. The increased interaction with the Peacebuilding Commission was welcomed and the positive role of ad hoc advisory groups, especially the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, in post-conflict situations was emphasized.

112. Under subprogramme 2, the objective of the subprogramme, which was aimed at the advancement of women and gender mainstreaming in all political, economic and social spheres, was commended. Clarification was sought with regard to the programme's emphasis on the improvement of gender balance in the United Nations system and the promotion of gender mainstreaming in all political, economic and social spheres. Clarification was also sought on the progress made with regard to the establishment of a new composite gender entity. The view was expressed that the outcomes of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action should be better reflected in the strategy.

113. Under subprogramme 3, the view was expressed that the Millennium Development Goals were overwhelmingly concerned with human development and poverty challenges that related to younger age groups, namely, infant, child and maternal mortality, HIV and AIDS infection, and school enrolment. The view was expressed that there should be a more explicit focus on older people and the ageing population. The view was expressed that the 2010-2011 expected accomplishment, on strengthened capacity of Member States and of civil society to develop and implement social programmes and policies, should be retained in the current plan. The view was expressed that indicator of achievement (a) should show a number of recommendations rather than a percentage.

114. Under subprogramme 4, clarification was sought regarding additional attention to climate change.

115. Under subprogramme 6, the view was expressed that more attention should be paid to migration issues.

116. Under subprogramme 10, the view was expressed that the subprogramme should address in particular the implementation of all agreements and commitments reached at the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Conference. The view was expressed that the subprogramme should promote more extensively the participation of international institutions and civil society organizations. The view was expressed that the subprogramme should also contain qualitative indicators of achievements. The need for the fulfilment of the follow-up processes to the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, particularly in relation to the provision of support to developing countries towards sustainable recovery, was reiterated. The view was expressed that the support provided to the open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development should be reflected in the strategy of the subprogramme.

Conclusions and recommendations

117. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To advance the role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and promote coordination and coherence in the activities of the United Nations system in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (i), delete the words ", activities related to consensus-building and the functioning of the Bureaux of the Economic and Social Council and the Second Committee".

Add a new indicator of achievement (b) (iv) to read:

"(iv) Increased contribution to the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council".

Strategy

Paragraph 7.7

In subparagraph (a), after the words "Economic and Social Council in", replace the word "monitoring" with the word "coordinating".

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (b), add the words "and enhanced support of the Secretariat for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women".

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (b), add the words "with a view to strengthening capacity of Member States in this regard".

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (c) (i), after the words "Increased number of countries", insert the words "receiving technical assistance and".

Strategy

Paragraph 7.10

At the end of subparagraph (a), add a footnote indicator and footnote to read: "Agenda 21 recognizes nine major groups of civil society: (a) women; (b) children and youth; (c) indigenous peoples; (d) non-governmental organizations; (e) local authorities; (f) workers and trade unions; (g) business and industry; (h) scientific and technological community; and (i) farmers".

At the end of subparagraph (f), add the words "including issues of new and renewable sources of energy and exchange of technologies".

Subprogramme 5
Statistics

Indicators of achievement

Renumber indicator (c) as (c) (i).

Add a new indicator of achievement (c) (ii) to read:

> **"(ii) Increased number of activities for developing countries receiving guidelines in building sustainable national statistical systems through the promotion of technical cooperation".**

Subprogramme 6
Population

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Reverse the order of expected accomplishments (a) and (b).

Indicators of achievement

Reverse the order of indicators of achievement (a) and (b).

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (ii) to read:

> **"(ii) Number of activities to address population issues through capacity-building at the national level".**

Subprogramme 7
Development policy and analysis

Objective of the Organization

Replace the words "To reach" with the words "To facilitate the reaching of".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) (i) with indicator of achievement (a) (i) for the biennium 2010-2011, which read:

> **"(i) Increased number of debated economic policies and actions to achieve internationally agreed development goals".**

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (iii) to read:

> **"(iii) Increased number of activities with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions to better evaluate the global macroeconomic situation".**

At the end of indicator of achievement (c), add the words "with the support of the Development Policy and Analysis Division".

Subprogramme 8
Public administration and development management

Indicators of achievement

Insert a new indicator of achievement (b) (ii) to read:

> **"(ii) Number of analytical research, advocacy, advisory, training and knowledge-sharing services, especially for the developing countries, upon request"**

and renumber existing indicator (b) (ii) as (b) (iii).

Subprogramme 9
Sustainable forest management

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) to read:

> **"(e) Enhanced assistance to Member States receiving assistance in developing and implementing forest conservation and rehabilitation strategies and in increasing the area of forests under sustainable management in order to maintain and improve their forest resources, with a view to enhancing the benefits of forests".**

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicator of achievement (a), add the words "prepared with the support of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests".

At the end of indicator of achievement (c), add the words "with the support of the secretariat of the Forum".

At the end of indicator of achievement (d), add the words "prepared with the support of the secretariat of the Forum".

Add a new indicator of achievement (e) to read:

"(e) Number of Member States receiving assistance, at their request, in developing and implementing forest conservation and rehabilitation strategies and in increasing the area of forests under sustainable management".

Legislative mandates

Add the following General Assembly resolution under subprogramme 1:

"64/206 Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy"

Programme 8
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

118. At its 17th meeting, on 17 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 8)).

119. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

120. Full support was expressed for the programme and the work of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. It was observed that the programme was firmly contextualized by its mandates, including the Brussels, Almaty and Mauritius plans of action. There was satisfaction for the prominence being given to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2011, which would provide a good opportunity to assess progress.

121. Concern was raised that, notwithstanding the progress achieved in the implementation of internationally agreed development goals related to the three groups of countries, including the Millennium Development Goals and the Brussels Programme of Action, the overall results fell short of expectations. Views were expressed that support to these groups of countries should be placed as a priority within the framework of international cooperation for development, and that greater efforts were required for the United Nations system and international community to draw these countries closer to the targets, in particular the Millennium Development Goals, by 2015.

122. Clarification was sought on the contribution made by the Office of the High Representative to bring the issues of these groups of countries to the agendas of other United Nations bodies. Reference was made to the collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency for the peaceful use of nuclear energy, which was important in agriculture, health and nutrition and environmental protection, and should be strengthened in years to come.

123. The importance of promoting South-South cooperation was recognized, and the view was expressed that it should be expanded to North-South cooperation, which would complement progress on South-South cooperation and facilitate the transfer of technological information.

124. Cross-cutting issues were discussed, and it was observed that the three groups of countries faced unique vulnerabilities, which differentiate them from other developing economies. It was suggested that the programme should address these common vulnerabilities, which should be reflected in the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.

125. Clarification was sought on the coordination of efforts among the subprogrammes in addressing common issues, such as trade and transport facilitation, to create greater synergy among the subprogrammes. Queries were also raised on the specific role of subregional organizations in achieving the objectives of the programme and whether they were reflected sufficiently in the overall programme.

126. The importance of strengthened partnerships with development partners was recognized, with emphasis placed on the mobilization and coordination of international aid. Clarification was sought on the different terminology used, such as "development partners", "United Nations entities" and "United Nations system", and whether the differentiation was intended or the terminology needed to be applied more consistently across the subprogrammes.

127. There was some regret that the programme did not identify historical challenges and lessons learned, with the hope that it would make more effort in the coming biennium to reflect these important factors. The view was expressed that the output implementation rate should be improved in the current biennium to above the 89 per cent achieved in the biennium 2008-2009.

Conclusions and recommendations

128. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve without modification the programme narrative of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed strategic framework.**

Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

129. At its 17th meeting, on 17 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 9)).

130. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

131. Overall support and satisfaction were expressed for the programme, including its important coordination role. It was acknowledged that the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318) would be an important instrument for planning the programme for the biennium 2012-2013.

132. Encouragement was expressed for the building of an international infrastructure consortium to advocate public and private infrastructure investment in Africa, with the request that the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa look to the priorities and actions currently being determined by Africa itself for direction and guidance on working with the international consortium.

133. The support provided in the programme for the capacity-building efforts of the African Union and African subregional organizations within the framework of the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union was welcomed, as was the inclusion of good governance, which is a hallmark of the African Union Commission process.

134. The view was expressed that there was a need for more effective coordination between the Department of Public Information and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in order to attain the objective of global advocacy in support of Africa's development. It was suggested that, while the publication of *Africa Renewal* helped to raise international awareness of conditions in Africa, the wider spectrum of media resources available at the international, regional and national levels should also be utilized to that end.

135. Clarification was sought as to when vacant posts, including that of the Special Adviser on Africa, would be filled. It was commented that, once the Office of the Special Adviser was fully staffed, the prominence of Africa within the United Nations would not diminish.

136. It was suggested that the structure and the presentation of the programme could be improved in order to avoid repetition and inconsistencies among strategy, objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. It was observed that the indicators of achievement focused on quantitative measures, such as numerical increases, without takes into account the quality of accomplishments. It was suggested that a strategic follow-up matrix be introduced as a mechanism for monitoring, in both quantitative and qualitative terms, the fulfilment of commitments made and the carrying out of activities planned by organizations with a view to achieving the internationally agreed development goals. National aspects of expected accomplishments were also discussed, and it was suggested that enhanced follow-up at the national level be included.

Conclusions and recommendations

137. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 9.3

After the word "undertaken", add the words "by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa".

Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Strategy

Paragraph 9.9

Replace the words "new and emerging donors" with the words "other development partners"; replace the words "new and emerging development partners" with the words "other development partners".

Subprogramme 2
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), add the words "Africa Action Plan 2010-2015 and other" after the words "African Union's".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b), add the words "and support given to their maintenance and continuity" after the word "level".

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement, as follows: "(iii) Improved dissemination of information on Africa's economic, political and social development through the strengthening of collaboration with existing communication mechanisms within the United Nations system".

Strategy

Paragraph 9.13

Add the words "all international development goals, including" after the words "achievement of", and add the words ", and decisions and outcomes of major international conferences" after the word "Goals".

Programme 10
Trade and development

138. At its 10th meeting, on 14 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 10, Trade and development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 10)).

139. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

140. The role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC) as the principal entities of the United Nations promoting trade and development was emphasized. Support and appreciation were expressed for the work of UNCTAD and ITC.

141. Satisfaction was expressed at the work of UNCTAD and ITC regarding the inclusion in their programmes of the following areas: debt management and development finance, public and private investment, international investment agreements, capacity-building, commodities, South-South cooperation, the economic integration of Africa, sustainable development and accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) by developing countries.

142. The importance of trade facilitation, as part of the trade-related technical assistance provided by ITC, was highlighted.

143. Clarifications were sought with regard to the use of the terms "goods" and "commodities" under subprogramme 3 and further clarification was sought as to the reasons for the establishment of component 2 of the subprogramme. In addition, explanations were sought concerning the overview of NEPAD and UNCTAD policy on fragile and vulnerable countries.

144. Details were sought regarding structurally weak countries and resilient economies.

145. Concern was expressed as to the clarity of the objectives of subprogrammes 2 and 3 and of the expected accomplishments and related performance indicators under subprogrammes 4 and 5.

146. Concern was expressed regarding the risk of the duplication of mandates concerning development issues related to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.

Conclusions and recommendations

147. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 10, Trade and development, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 10.4

Replace the word "Africa" with the words "African economies".

Paragraph 10.7

Delete the words "countries with special needs, and meeting the special needs of Africa".

Paragraph 10.8

In the phrase "Summit on the Information Society", replace the word "Summit" with the word "Summits".

Subprogramme 1
Globalization, interdependence and development

Objective of the Organization

Replace the words "full and productive employment creation" with the words "full employment and decent work for all".

Indicators of achievement

Insert a new indicator of achievement, as follows: "(a) (iv) Increased number of UNCTAD activities to promote South-South cooperation".

Subprogramme 2
Investment and enterprise

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective of the Organization with the following: "To ensure development gains from increased investment flows, designing policies, enhancing international competitiveness and boosting productive capacities of all developing countries, in particular those in Africa and least developed countries, as well as landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (i), replace the word "policymakers" with the word "countries".

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace "reporting increased foreign direct investment" with "implementation of national policies towards incentivizing foreign direct investment".

Subprogramme 3
International trade

Component 1
Strengthening international trade

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (a), add the phrase, "as well as to address the situations arising from the increasing cost of trade finance".

Component 2
Commodities

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) (i) with "Increased amount of research for alternative agriculture production in economies dependent on commodities, with the aim of diversifying their production and manufacture by increasing the added value of their commodities".

Strategy

Paragraph 10.14

In subparagraph (c) (iv), delete the words "public and private".

Subprogramme 4
Technology and logistics

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicators of achievement (a) (i), (ii) and (iii) and (b) (i) and (ii), insert the words, "with the assistance of UNCTAD".

Programme 11
Environment

148. At its 15th meeting, on 16 June 2010, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 11, Environment, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 11)).

149. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to the queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

150. Support was expressed for the programme. The view was expressed that environmental protection was one of the most difficult global challenges; hence, strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), with improved coordination among multilateral environmental agreements and enhanced United Nations system-wide coordination and cooperation, was advocated.

151. The view was also expressed that there was more merit seen in strengthening UNEP at the current stage before considering transforming it into a specialized agency of the United Nations. A query was raised concerning the reference to "ecosystem-based adaptation" in paragraph 11.9 and the reason why UNEP had restricted its involvement in the adaptation work to be undertaken.

152. A number of queries were raised on the inclusion of reference to the "concept and goals of the green economy" in paragraph 11.4 and in subprogramme 6 since the concept had not been fully reviewed and accepted by Governments, had been discussed recently at the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in May 2010 and was to be further studied at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in 2012. A query was further raised on why the concept of sustainable development was not used instead of the concept of the green economy or the product life cycle approach, which were rooted in the sustainable development concept. The broad resource savings potential from subprogramme 6 was nevertheless welcomed.

153. Satisfaction was expressed with the objectives, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and strategies of each subprogramme. Satisfaction was also expressed with the efforts made by UNEP to coordinate its work with other agencies and to integrate gender equality and equity into all the policies and activities of the programme. The view was expressed that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was the primary organization in the United Nations system charged with the climate change process; hence queries were raised on whether there were any conflicting aspects between the work carried out by UNEP and the terms of reference of the Convention.

154. A query was raised on how indicator of achievement (c) of subprogramme 1 would be measured. The view was further expressed that there was a need to focus on the removal not just of policy, financial and institutional barriers but of all drivers of deforestation referred to in expected accomplishment (d) of subprogramme 1, in view of the challenges faced by developing countries. Accordingly, the view was expressed that the expected accomplishment should be revised.

155. A query was raised on how UNEP would act in prioritizing its efforts to develop United Nations system-wide coherence and cooperation in the field of the environment in the United Nations system and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), and through full use of the Environment Management Group. Queries were raised regarding the use of the phrase "comparative advantage" in paragraphs 11.8, 11.15 and 11.19, instead of direct reference in the programme narrative to the mandates that govern the programme.

156. A query was raised as to whether it was Member States or the Secretariat that were expected to take action to minimize environmental threats to human well-being or be responsive to the objective of subprogramme 2.

157. The view was expressed that many aspects of "ecosystem management" referred to in subprogramme 3 lacked consensus and could possibly give rise to some degree of confusion. The work of UNEP on ecosystem management should be guided by the Governing Council and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

158. Under subprogramme 4, a query was raised on whether the use of the phrase "joint initiatives" in indicators of achievement (a) (ii) and (a) (iv) referred to "joint

projects" undertaken. A further query was raised on how UNEP measured the development of capacities in developing countries to improve compliance with environmental goals and targets, as referred to in indicator of achievement (b) (i). Another query was raised on how indicator of achievement (a) (iii) would be measured.

159. The view was expressed that the reference in paragraph 11.25 (d) to United Nations reform, including "Delivering as one", was questionable since the issue was currently under analysis and the outcome not yet known. Queries were also raised regarding the reference to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness since such instruments were not the products of United Nations conferences and did not govern the working of the United Nations, and there was a question of national sovereignty.

160. With reference to the strategy for subprogramme 5, support was expressed for the development of synergies among the internationally agreed chemical management regimes referred to in paragraph 11.26 (c). It was noted that synergy work in relation to environmental governance was a part of subprogramme 4.

Conclusions and recommendations

161. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 11, Environment, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 11.4

Replace the words "the green economy" with the words "sustainable development".

After the words "In addition, UNEP will continue", add the phrase "to contribute to the ongoing intergovernmental discussion on the concept of green economy and".

Paragraph 11.8

Add the words "taking into account" before the words "its comparative advantage".

Paragraph 11.9

Replace the phrase "move onto low carbon emission development pathways" with the phrase "develop low carbon societies by building partnerships and engaging the private sector to improve energy efficiency".

After the words "(a) ecosystem-based adaptation", insert the word "approach".

In point (b) add the phrase "as well as addressing the role of forest conservation, sustainable forest management and forest stocks," after the word "(REDD plus):".

Delete the word "plus" from "(REDD plus)".

Paragraph 11.12

Replace (a) with the following: "prioritize its efforts to develop coherence and coordination in the field of environment in the United Nations system, including through the work of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination and other interagency forums and through the full use of the Environmental Management Group".

In (d) add the words "as complementary participation" after the word "society".

In (e) delete the words "consistent with United Nations reform efforts".

Paragraph 11.14

Replace the sentence: "While the conceptual thinking underpinning the green economy is embedded within other subprogrammes, the concept of green economy is integral to the work of this subprogramme", with the following sentence: "The framework of sustainable development is integral to the work of the subprogramme. Activities under the subprogramme will also contribute to informed intergovernmental discussions on the concept of green economy in the context of sustainable development."

In (b) replace the words "based on a product life cycle approach" with the words ", including through a life cycle analysis approach as well as other relevant approaches".

Paragraph 11.17

After the words "promote and facilitate" insert the words "North-South and".

Paragraph 11.19

Replace the word "coherence" with the word "coordination".

Paragraph 11.20

Delete the words "partners and other" and add the words "and its relevant partners" at the end of that sentence.

Subprogramme 1
Climate change

Objective of the Organization

Replace the Objective of the Organization with the following: "To strengthen the ability of countries, in particular developing countries, to integrate climate change responses into national development processes".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: "Adaptation, including an ecosystem-based approach, is incorporated into

country development planning and policymaking based on scientific assessments, policy and legislative advice and lessons learned from pilot projects supported by UNEP and adaptation experiences, including an ecosystem-based approach, showcased at the global level".

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the word "alternatives" with the words "sources and technologies".

In expected accomplishment (b), after the words "economic growth and" insert the words "pollution and".

In expected accomplishment (b), after "assessments," insert "cooperation,".

In expected accomplishment (c), replace the word "National" with the word "Countries'".

In expected accomplishment (c), after the word "facilitated" insert the words "at all levels".

In expected accomplishment (c), after the words "promoted at the" insert the words "regional and".

In expected accomplishment (d), replace the phrase "the removal of policy, financial and institutional barriers and other drivers of deforestation, and" with the phrase "tackling all drivers of deforestation and".

Indicators of achievement

At the end of all indicators of achievement, insert the words "with the assistance of UNEP".

In indicator of achievement (a), delete the words "ecosystem-based" and add the words ", including an ecosystem-based approach," after the word "adaptation".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: "Increased number of countries implementing energy plans, including low carbon alternatives, with explicit renewable energy or energy efficiency policies".

At the end of indicator of achievement (c), insert the words "and projects related to adaptation and mitigation supported by UNEP that are implemented with international climate change funding".

In indicator of achievement (d) (i), after the word "implementing" insert the words "sustainable forest management plans, including" and replace the words "(REDD plus)" with the words "(REDD plans)".

In indicator of achievement (d) (ii), after the words "implementation of" insert the words "sustainable forest management plans, including" and delete the word "plus" after the word "REDD".

Strategy

Paragraph 11.22

After the words "the new International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)" insert the following: ", the PetroCaribe Alternative Energy Source Financing Fund, the Mesoamerican integration and development project, the Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme, the energy initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, the Mediterranean Solar Plan, the Africa-European Union Energy Partnership, the Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation, the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate".

Subparagraph (a)

Replace the words "ecosystem-based adaptation measures" with the words "adaptation measures, including an ecosystem-based approach,".

At the end of the subparagraph, add the words ", consistent with country priorities and ownership".

Subparagraph (b)

Replace the phrase "low carbon development pathways" with the phrase "low carbon societies by building partnerships and engaging the private sector to improve energy efficiency".

Subparagraph (d)

In the first line replace "REDD plus" with the phrase "implementing sustainable forest management plans, including REDD," and delete the word "plus" after the word "REDD" in the remainder of the subparagraph.

Subprogramme 2
Disasters and conflicts

Indicators of achievement

At the end of all indicators of achievement, insert the words "with the assistance of UNEP".

In indicator of achievement (a) delete the words "percentage of".

Strategy

Paragraph 11.23

Replace the words "including but not limited to" with the words ", inter alia,".

Subprogramme 3
Ecosystem management

Indicators of achievement

At the end of all indicators of achievement except (b) (i), insert the words "with the assistance of UNEP".

Subprogramme 4
Environmental governance

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii) delete the words "of common interest".

In indicator of achievement (a) (iii) add the words "coordination activities concerning" before the word "environmental".

In indicator of achievement (a) (iv) delete the words "under the umbrella of UNEP".

At the end of indicator of achievement (b) (i) insert the words "with the assistance of UNEP".

In indicator of achievement (b) (ii) replace the word "guidance" with the word "advice".

Redesignate indicator of achievement (d) as (d) (i) and replace the words "academic writings or leading newspapers" with the words "academic writings, leading newspapers and other relevant media".

Insert a new indicator of achievement (d) (ii) reading as follows: "(ii) Increased participation of researchers and institutions from developing countries in UNEP-led/supported environmental assessments."

Strategy

Paragraph 11.25

Subparagraph (d)

Delete the following sentence: "In both cases, it will do so in a manner consistent with United Nations reform (including "Delivering as one") and the international aid architecture, such as the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness: Ownership, Harmonization, Alignment, Results and Mutual Accountability."

Subprogramme 5
Harmful substances and hazardous waste

Expected accomplishments

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with the text of the corresponding expected accomplishment from the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1, programme 11, subprogramme 5): "Coherent international policy and technical advice is provided to States and other stakeholders for managing harmful chemicals and hazardous

waste in a more environmentally sound manner, including through better technology and best practices".

Indicators of achievement

At the end of all indicators of achievement insert the words "with the assistance of UNEP".

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), replace the words "Increased number of countries that have market-based incentives" with the words "Increased number of countries that have incentives, including market-based incentives,".

Insert a new indicator of achievement (a) (iii), to read "Increased support to developing countries to assess, manage and reduce risks to human health and the environment posed by chemicals and hazardous waste".

Strategy

Paragraph 11.26

Subparagraph (b)

Replace the word "provide" with the words "support the development of".

Subparagraph (c)

After the words "This will include" insert the words "assisting countries in".

Subprogramme 6
Resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production

Objective of the Organization

Delete the words "paving the way towards the green economy,".

Expected accomplishments

In expected accomplishment (b) replace the words "green economy" with the words "environmentally sustainable".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) replace the word "greening" with the words "environmentally sustainable".

Strategy

Paragraph 11.27

Replace the third, fourth and fifth sentences with the following sentence: "The framework of sustainable development is integral to the work of the subprogramme. Activities under the subprogramme will also

contribute to informing the discussions on how green economy initiatives can contribute to sustainable development."

Subparagraph (a)

Replace the words "a product life cycle approach" with the words "a life cycle analysis approach as well as other relevant approaches".

Subparagraph (c)

After the words "will disseminate" insert the words ", in accordance with national priorities,".

Revise the second sentence to read: "It will also provide guidelines and different kinds of tools, policy advice and support to domestic public authorities, in accordance with national priorities, to promote resource efficient management and the purchase of sustainable products".

Delete the word "social".

Legislative mandates

Insert the following General Assembly resolutions:

62/98 Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

Subprogramme 2

62/9 Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

Programme 12
Human settlements

162. At its 15th meeting, on 16 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 12) and Corr.1).

163. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

164. Support was expressed for the programme, in particular for the important work carried out by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in addressing the most vulnerable group, the slum-dwellers, which is part of the Millennium Development Goals. Clarification was sought on what assessment could be made as part of the contribution of UN-Habitat to achieve the goals on improving the lives of slum-dwellers and on water and sanitation.

165. With regard to the regional offices, clarification was sought on how to determine their activities in the region, since the latter are targeting specific areas in the world.

166. On the targeted countries mentioned in the strategic framework, clarifications were sought on which are those countries and the criteria used in determining them.

167. Clarification was also sought on the mobilization of funds between donor contributions and voluntary contributions with regard to the partnership with global and local institutions.

Conclusions and recommendations

168. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 12.8

Insert the words "and promote the use of" after the word "identify".

Legislative mandates

Add the following General Assembly resolution:

"64/206 Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy"

Programme 13
International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

169. At its 7th meeting, on 10 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 13)).

170. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

171. General appreciation and support was expressed for the work carried out by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) through its various subprogrammes.

172. Support was expressed for the thematic approach adopted for programme 13 for the period 2012-2013. It was noted that the change in the organizational structure was a positive development.

173. Concern was expressed that drug control was not given high enough priority in the 2012-2013 strategic framework and that the term "human security" used in the document had not been clearly defined as yet by the General Assembly through the issuance of a mandate. Concern was also expressed that sustainable development was not mentioned as a way of combating the drug issue and that migrant trafficking and people trafficking were not given high enough priority.

174. A view was expressed that illicit trafficking of drugs should be reflected under a separate subprogramme and that resolutions and mandates should be reviewed and

more clearly linked to each subprogramme. A view was expressed that the division of labour of responsible departments within subprogramme 3 should be more clearly stated.

175. Appreciation was expressed for the work of UNODC in the African region on threats to security caused by drug trafficking and crime. It was suggested that regional initiatives in that regard should be strengthened.

176. Clarification was sought concerning the overall picture of capacity-building and training, as well as how Member States' satisfaction with the services provided by the Secretariat was measured.

177. Clarification was sought on the meaning of the term "emerging crimes" in subprogramme 1 and as to why subprogramme 3 was named "Terrorism prevention". Clarification was also sought as to the meaning of the term "empowering" as used in the 2012-2013 strategic framework. A view was expressed that there is a need to strengthen some of the indicators of achievement included in the 2012-2013 proposed strategic framework. In particular, a view was expressed that there was a need to focus on measuring the work of the Secretariat rather than that of Member States.

Conclusions and recommendations

178. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 13.1

Delete ", and on human security".

Include a new paragraph 13.5 and renumber all subsequent paragraphs

"Development is a key to reducing crime as well as the world's supply of drugs. However, the rule of law, security and justice go hand in hand with development. A fair, accessible, accountable, effective and credible criminal justice system promotes long-term socio-economic and human development, and acts as a shield against the effects of crime, trafficking, corruption and instability. Development and the rule of law promote the licit use of resources rather than their criminal abuse: trafficking in human beings, drugs and firearms, and the smuggling of migrants."

Paragraph 13.6 (d)

Delete the words "more effective" and replace with the word "strengthened".

Subprogramme 1
Countering transnational organized crime and trafficking

In the subprogramme title, add the word "illicit" after "Countering transnational organized crime and" and add the words ", including drug trafficking" after the word "trafficking" at the end of the title.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Under expected accomplishment (b) replace the words "emerging crimes" with the words "emerging policy issues as mentioned in General Assembly resolution 64/179".

Indicators of achievement

Add indicator of achievement (b) (ii) "(ii) Increased number of countries receiving assistance from UNODC that build capacity to combat the trafficking of illicit drugs".

Renumber the remaining indicators of achievement as (b) (iii) to (b) (viii).

Strategy

Paragraph 13.10

Replace subparagraph (d), with:

"Coordinating and collaborating with other relevant actors, especially the institutes comprising the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice network and intergovernmental organizations at the international, regional and subregional levels, emphasizing combating organized crime and drug trafficking and trafficking in persons and firearms;".

Subprogramme 2
Countering corruption

Objective of the Organization

Replace the word "fight" with the word "combat".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Insert new expected accomplishment (a): "Improved capacity of Member States to prevent and fight corruption in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption".

Change existing expected accomplishments of the Secretariat to (b) and (c) accordingly.

Indicators of achievement

Insert new indicator of achievement (a): "Increased number of countries receiving national-level capacity-building assistance in corruption prevention, upon request of Member States".

Under existing indicator of achievement (b), include an indicator of achievement (iv) to read as follows: "(iv) More technical cooperation given by UNODC, upon request of Member States".

Change existing indicators of achievement to (b) and (c) accordingly.

Strategy

Paragraph 13.11

In subparagraph (b) delete the words "and strengthen their integrity".

Replace subparagraph (e) with: "Increasing public awareness of issues related to corruption".

Subprogramme 3
Terrorism prevention

Replace "prevention" with "prevention and combating" in all instances except in expected accomplishment (b).

Strategy

Paragraph 13.12

In subparagraph (b), delete the words "nuclear, biological and chemical terrorism,".

Move subparagraph (d) to subprogramme 1 as subparagraph (g) of paragraph 13.10.

Change the remaining subparagraphs of paragraph 13.12 to (d), (e) and (f), accordingly.

Subprogramme 5
Health and livelihoods (drugs and HIV)

In the subprogramme title add the word "Combating" to the phrase in parentheses to read "(Combating drugs and HIV)".

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicators of achievement (a) (i) and (ii), delete the words "identified in international academic literature".

In indicators of achievement (b) (i) and (ii), add the words "assisted by UNODC" after the words "number of countries" and add ", upon the request of the Member State" at the end of each indicator of achievement.

Subprogramme 6
Research and trend analysis

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "internationally accepted standards" with the words "appropriate professional standards".

Subprogramme 7
Policy support

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add expected accomplishment (e): "More activities to mobilize resources to meet this objective".

Indicators of achievement

Replace the word "Percentage" with the word "Number" at the beginning of indicator of achievement (a) (i).

Add new indicator of achievement (e) reading as follows: "Increased number of donations".

Strategy

Paragraph 13.16

Replace the text of subparagraph (f) with "Reaching out to civil society, non-governmental organizations and international media".

In subparagraph (g), replace the words "and human trafficking" with the words ", human trafficking and smuggling of migrants".

Programme 14
Economic and social development in Africa

179. At its 12th meeting, on 15 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 14, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 14)).

180. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

181. Appreciation was expressed for the introduction of the programme, which, together with other programmes focusing on poverty eradication, sustainable economic and social development and the attainment of the international development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, contribute to the development of Africa and are highly valued. Support was expressed for all 10 subprogrammes of programme 14 and for the focus on the themes of macroeconomic analysis, finance and economic development, food security and sustainable development, governance and public administration, information and science and technology for development, trade, economic cooperation and regional integration, gender and women in development, subregional activities for development, development planning and administration, statistics and social development.

182. The view was expressed that in respect of the current dilemma faced by Africa, paragraph 14.3 gives a very accurate description of the situation on the continent. The view was also expressed that the strategic framework clearly charts the way forward, illustrating the energy of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in

contributing towards the sustainable development of the African continent, and the Commission was commended on its efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals. The view was expressed that it was clear that Africa appears to be the only continent unable to reduce poverty by the year 2015 in line with the Millennium Development Goal of halving poverty by that date.

183. The United Nations system's continued concrete contribution towards solidifying the objective of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) of forging new global partnerships, which also illustrates the international solidarity and partnership with respect to the development needs of Africa, was commended.

184. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts made to ensure that the subprogrammes are interdependent and complementary.

185. Satisfaction was expressed with the objectives, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and strategies of each subprogramme. The view was also expressed that in some instances, such as in subprogramme 5, expected accomplishment (c) and indicators of achievement (c) (i) through (c) (iii) were not realistic and measurable from the ECA point of view, since the logical framework of the subprogramme should provide a sense of what ECA is expected to achieve and how it would be able to measure its contribution, as some of the increased activity in all three indicators may be the result of the activities of other institutions (for example, the Commonwealth or the Tokyo International Conference on African Development).

186. The view was expressed that expected accomplishment (b) and indicator of achievement (b) of subprogramme 1 appear to be the same, and it was considered that greater emphasis should be placed on the capacity of African countries to mobilize external funding in view of the correlation between the management of external funding and debt management as well as domestic resource mobilization. The view was also expressed that subprogramme 2 should be part of subprogramme 1, as subprogramme 2 contained no new elements. The view was expressed that in respect of subprogramme 4, greater emphasis should be placed on capacity-building for research and development within Africa.

187. A query was raised as to how many countries had joined the free-trade areas referred to in indicator of achievement (a) (i) of subprogramme 5. The view was expressed that no mention was made in the subprogramme of cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO. A further query was raised as to the meaning of the phrase "physical integration" contained in the objective of the subprogramme. The view was expressed that the phrase "analysis of the African Governments and other associated development actors", contained in the objective of subprogramme 8, was vague. The view was also expressed that paragraph 14.36, which contains the strategy of the subprogramme, conveys the sense that the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) has become less relevant and therefore raises questions as to when it might have become less relevant. Another speaker commended the new work strategy of IDEP under the subprogramme, consolidating its role as a premier capacity-development resource for African Governments.

188. The leading role of the African Centre for Statistics in the implementation of the Reference Regional Strategic Framework for Statistical Capacity-Building in

Africa, falling under subprogramme 9, was commended. The need to develop broad partnerships within the United Nations system, and with regional economic communities such as the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the East African Community, the Southern African Development Community, the Economic Community of West African States, the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States and the Arab Maghreb Union, was stressed.

189. While on the one hand it appeared that at the United Nations level there was coordination among entities in the development sphere, concern was expressed that, on the other hand, there appeared to be insufficient coordination with the African Union Commission/NEPAD structures.

190. The view was expressed that, although it was understood that the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 was formulated prior to the establishment, at the fourteenth African Union Summit, held in Addis Ababa from 31 January to 2 February 2010, of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency as a technical body of the African Union, replacing the NEPAD secretariat, closer coordination with that structure was recommended with a view to achieving optimum coordination.

191. The view was expressed that the great strides made by Africa towards ownership and responsibility through the African action plan and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa, made it incumbent on all stakeholders to bring into alignment their development programmes and projects and, accordingly, to adopt the requisite planning and coordination measures and ensure that they are increasingly harmonized with those that Africa has set for itself; hence these developments should be taken into consideration in all coordination activities.

192. Clarification was sought as to how ECA dealt with the question of migration, what migration programmes there were in Africa and the challenges that resulted from migration.

Conclusions and recommendations

193. **The Committee urged the Economic Commission for Africa to continue its support to the African Union Commission and its NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency to realize Africa's own priority-setting through the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union, regional coordination of and support for NEPAD (programme 9 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 9)) and the African Action Plan, which endeavour to coordinate and present a programme of development for Africa to serve as an overall, albeit sector-based, planning tool for member States and international partners.**

194. **The Committee commended the important role that the Economic Commission for Africa is playing in coordination with regional organizations, in particular the African Union Commission and the African Development Bank, regional economic communities, national organizations and member States, and welcomed the focus on efforts to achieve coherence between global and regional priorities, and the goals and priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, as well as its focus on the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium**

Development Goals and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and international agreements, in order to enhance development on the continent.

195. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 14, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 14.3

Delete the word "recurring".

Programme 15
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

196. At its 14th meeting, on 16 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 15)).

197. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

198. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme and for the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Appreciation was also expressed for the support provided by ESCAP for the carrying out of a comprehensive strategic analysis, defining appropriate policy, engaging technical cooperation for promoting economic and social development and environmental sustainability and providing a unified voice for the region on global issues.

199. It was recalled that Asia and the Pacific was a dynamic region characterized by increasing diversity, changes and challenges posed by poverty, environmental crisis, growing inequalities and exclusion. It was also recalled that the region was the largest area covered by any United Nations regional commission, as it was home to 60 per cent of the world's population. Accordingly, the challenges faced by ESCAP were considerable. In addition, countries of the region were characterized by large populations and varying levels of income and were facing the food and fuel crises and social problems, including urbanization, ageing populations and fast-changing family support structures. The view was also expressed that, in such a context, the programme should have made reference not only to the food and fuel crises, but also to the energy crisis.

200. The view was expressed that strengthening the role of ESCAP was of interest to the countries of the region, as the Commission helped to promote regional development. In that connection, it was stated that the role of ESCAP must grow, given the key work of the Commission for the development of regional and subregional cooperation.

201. Support was also expressed for the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, which was reviewed and adopted by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session

in May 2010. It was also noted that the work of ESCAP should focus on regional and subregional cooperation, in particular in the areas of transport, the environment and combating natural disasters.

202. It was noted that the state of the global economy and the current financial crisis were important issues that had a great impact in the countries of the region and, in that connection, clarification was sought concerning how the Commission planned to address those issues in the context of its mandate.

203. Support was expressed for the work of ESCAP in developing cooperation in the areas of energy, energy effectiveness and conservation and technologies for environmental areas. Further cooperation between ESCAP and organizations that dealt with water resources management under an appropriate mandate was encouraged.

204. In the context of the overall orientation of the programme, clarifications were sought concerning the strengthening of social foundations for inclusive and resilient societies; the system used for the graduation process of the least developed countries; the reference to countries with special needs, including the criteria to determine those special needs and to what extent the programme would address them with the aim of promoting inclusion; and the concept of a more balanced multisectoral and multidisciplinary approach to development decision-making and agenda-setting.

205. With reference to system-wide coherence at the regional level, the view was expressed that, while "Delivering as one" was a policy within the Secretariat aimed at achieving better efficiency in the delivery of services, the concept of system-wide coherence was still under consideration by the General Assembly. Clarification was therefore sought as to its inclusion in the overall orientation of the programme.

206. The view was expressed that, given the importance of trade and investment, there might be a need to highlight the areas and activities devoted to trade and those devoted to investment in the context of subprogramme 2. Although the issue of investment was deemed an important component of the programme, no special focus was being given to the issue within the subprogramme.

207. Clarification was sought concerning the concept of "increased capacity" and the role of agrotechnology transfer in a world of scientific innovation in the context of subprogramme 2. The importance of South-South cooperation in the region was acknowledged.

208. The view was expressed that subprogramme 3 contained key elements for the establishment of an integrated and intermodal transport infrastructure, including the Trans-Asian Railway and Asian Highway networks, and it was recalled that the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport had taken an important decision with regard to reaching a new intergovernmental agreement on the development of dry ports in Asia and the Pacific. It was also stated that the subprogramme would support the establishment of auxiliary Asian railway and road networks for intermodal connections in pursuit of a positive impact on the volume of regional trade, thereby helping the economies of the landlocked countries of the region. It was also recommended that the words "in transportation" be added at the end of indicator of achievement (b) (ii) of the subprogramme. In addition, in the context of the subprogramme, support was expressed for the 10-year plan for global road safety under General Assembly resolution 64/255.

209. It was recommended that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement under subprogramme 4 be subdivided, as they were too long, and that expected accomplishment (c) be placed before (b) for the sake of clarity. The view was expressed that the environment is critical to the development of countries and that, in this connection, a balanced approach should be emphasized, including supplementing the green growth approach with other initiatives to support development. In addition, in the context of the subprogramme, it was recalled that Commission resolution 61/9 on the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific had called on ESCAP members to implement the recommendation of the Conference on the basis of various models and alternatives.

210. Concerning subprogramme 5, it was recalled that the objective of the programme was the application of information and communications technology to improving the management of national disasters. The title of the subprogramme was not comprehensive, however; it should reflect the use of information and communications technology for improving the management of national disasters. Clarification was sought concerning the inclusion of references to socio-economic development in expected accomplishment (d) and indicator of achievement (d) (i) and its relevance within the subprogramme. Clarification was also sought concerning the consistency between expected accomplishment (b) and its corresponding indicator of achievement (b) under the subprogramme.

211. Regret was expressed at the lack of clarity of the contents of subprogramme 7. It was recalled that the objective of the subprogramme was to use statistics for evidence-based decision-making, and clarification was sought as to the relevance of expected accomplishment (a) within the subprogramme. The view was expressed that expected accomplishments (c) and (d) were very similar, and clarification was sought concerning the differences between them.

212. Concerning subprogramme 8, it was recalled that the work of the Commission in support of subregional activities for development would be reflected in the holding in Astana in September 2010 of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, and that discussions held concerning investments and national systems and economic support were used by member States to frame their national policies.

213. Support was expressed for the work of the Commission to support subregional activities for development, and it was recalled that in October 2010 the Commission's subregional office for North and Central Asia in Almaty, Kazakhstan, would become operational. The view was expressed that the work of the North and Central Asia subregional office must be strengthened, including the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia for subregional cooperation and coordination of international projects. It was also noted that all newly established subregional offices must have equal status and an appropriate level of resources.

214. Regret was expressed concerning the fact that the concept of finance for development was not included in the programme of the Commission, as it had been in other regional commissions, and that in the area of microfinancing, the role played by migrants and their remittances was not addressed. The Commission was therefore encouraged to incorporate that concept within the programme of work of ESCAP for the benefit of the countries of the region.

215. Clarification was sought concerning the impact of the current financial crisis on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the reasons why, despite the great economic power of the region, ESCAP had decided to concentrate its programme of work in only eight subprogrammes, whereas other regional commissions had more subprogrammes (for example, the Economic Commission for Africa had 10 subprogrammes and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean had 13).

216. The trend in the region towards strengthening its collective foundations through multilateral cooperation, including through entities such as the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Eurasian Economic Community and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, was welcomed, and member States were encouraged to participate in the upcoming High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals aimed at fighting hunger, disease and poverty and providing humanitarian aid in natural disasters.

217. Clarifications were sought concerning the coverage of health issues and other Millennium Development Goal priorities within the programme of work of the Commission, as well as the concepts of ecological security and environment and development and the status of climate change in the work of ESCAP, in particular given that climate change represented a global threat.

Conclusions and recommendations

218. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 15.2

In the third sentence, replace the word "fuel" with the word "energy".

Paragraph 15.4

At the end of the last sentence, delete the words "decentralization and problems that transcend borders" and add a new sentence to read: "A key modality for this strategy will be to promote intraregional connectivity."

Paragraph 15.5

Delete the entire paragraph.

Paragraph 15.9

In the first sentence, replace the word "Collectively" with the words "With the overall goal of achieving the Millennium Development Goals".

Paragraph 15.10

Replace the second sentence with the following sentence to read: "Subregional offices established for East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia and South and South-West Asia, together with a strengthened office for the Pacific subregion, are to provide better targeted and in-depth technical assistance to address priorities of member States in the respective subregions in a more balanced manner."

Paragraph 15.11

Delete the entire paragraph.

Paragraph 15.13

In the first sentence, after "subregional presence,", insert the words "the extensive network it has developed with relevant subregional, regional and international organizations".

Subprogramme 1
Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development

Strategy

Paragraph 15.14

In the third sentence, after "the Doha Outcome Document on Financing for Development,", insert "the inputs for and outcomes of various G-20 summits,".

Paragraph 15.15

Replace the second sentence with the following sentence to read: "Special emphasis will be placed on efforts to promote greater regional integration and resiliency through increased economic growth, achieve the Millennium Development Goals in ways that reduce economic and social disparities within as well as across countries, with due attention given to the gender dimension, foster a regional coordinated voice on various global processes on development issues and challenges and financial issues, including the outcomes of G-20 summits, and explore innovations in strengthening collaboration and identifying regional synergies/ complementarities in promoting sustainable agriculture and food security."

Subprogramme 2
Trade and investment

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (d), after the word "regional", insert the words "and global".

Indicators of achievement

Renumber indicator of achievement (a) as (a) (i), and add a new indicator of achievement (a) (ii) to read:

"(ii) Number of ESCAP member States making use of recommendations supported by ESCAP in policy design and implementation".

In indicator of achievement (d), after the word "mechanisms", insert the words "and more cooperation programmes".

Strategy

Paragraph 15.18

In the first sentence, after the words "multi-stakeholder policy dialogues", insert the words "with due consideration of gender dimensions".

Subprogramme 3
Transport

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (c) (i), replace the words "improve logistics and" with the words "identify and remove bottlenecks in transport logistics chains and to".

Strategy

Paragraph 15.20

In the second sentence, replace "and 62/244" with ", 62/244 and 64/255". At the end of the paragraph, add the following sentence: "Direction would also be derived from the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 November 2009, and meetings of ministers of transport convened by ESCAP."

Paragraph 15.21

Replace with the following:

"The subprogramme will support member States in working towards the vision of an efficient international, integrated, intermodal transport and logistics system that supports the development of coastal areas, hinterlands and landlocked countries by providing, inter alia, physical access and connectivity, through inclusive and sustainable economic and social development."

Paragraph 15.22

Replace with the following:

"During the biennium 2012-2013, the subprogramme will focus on the further development of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, as well as the promotion of Euro-Asian transport

linkages. This will include acting as secretariat for the intergovernmental agreements for the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, which are deposited with the Secretary-General. The subprogramme will help member States to identify transport investment requirements and priorities and address non-physical bottlenecks, including those at border crossings, and will work towards the development of an intergovernmental agreement on dry ports that link road, rail and inland waterway transport infrastructures to seaports and airports. Strategies to promote dry ports as economic growth poles through improved logistical efficiencies and by promoting interregional and intraregional trade, and thus creating jobs and reducing poverty, will be continued. In the area of road safety, the subprogramme will help member States to set and work towards achieving road safety goals, targets and indicators by networking among national and subregional organizations, as well as following up on requests to regional commissions originating in global mandates."

Subprogramme 4
Environment and development

Objective of the Organization

Replace with the following:

"To integrate environmental sustainability in economic and social development and enhance regional cooperation on environment, energy and water resources management as well as urban development, including the application of the green growth or environmentally sustainable economic growth approach, as well as other effective policy initiatives, for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), after the words "sustainability in", replace the remainder of the text with: "economic and social development, including the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives, effective planning and management of natural resources development and gender mainstreaming for poverty reduction and inclusive and sustainable development in urban and rural areas".

In expected accomplishment (b), after the word "including", replace the remainder of the text with: "the application of the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives, enhancing access to modern energy services for all and energy security, improving water resources management and promoting sustainable urban development".

In expected accomplishment (c), after the word "including", replace the remainder of the text with: "the application of the green growth approach, resource efficiency, efficient management of energy and water resources, eco-city development and other effective policy initiatives".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a), after the words "social development", replace the remainder of the text with: "(including the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives), effective planning and management of natural resources development and gender mainstreaming for poverty reduction and inclusive and sustainable development in urban and rural areas".

In indicator of achievement (b), after the word "including", replace the remainder of the text with: "the application of the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives, enhancement of access to modern energy services for all and energy security, improvement of water resources management and promotion of sustainable urban development".

In indicator of achievement (c), after the word "application", replace the remainder of the text with: "of the green growth approach, resource efficiency, efficient management of energy and water resources, eco-city development and other effective policy initiatives".

Strategy

Paragraph 15.24

In the first sentence, after the word "application", replace the remainder of the text with: "of the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives, strengthening regional cooperation for widening access to modern energy services to all, enhanced energy security, efficient management of energy and water resources and sustainable urban development".

Paragraph 15.25

Replace the first sentence with: "The subprogramme will assist member States of ESCAP to integrate environmental sustainability in economic and social development, including the application of the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives, and eco-efficient planning and management of natural resources development, including energy and water and sustainable urban development, by serving as a knowledge hub that would build capacities of all stakeholders, including civil society, at the regional, subregional and national levels." In the last sentence, replace the words "the subregional and regional levels" with the words "the regional level".

Paragraph 15.26

In the first sentence, after the word "including", insert the words "the green growth approach and other effective policy initiatives". In the second sentence, after the word "approaches", insert the words "and initiatives". In the third sentence, after the word "providing", insert the word "enhanced" and delete the words "and other uncertainties".

Subprogramme 5
Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction

Objective of the Organization

Replace with the following:

"To promote applications of information and communications technology and to enhance regional cooperation for improved disaster risk reduction and management, as well as for improved management of the associated socio-economic risks, for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace the existing text of expected accomplishment (a) with: "Improved capacity of policymakers to develop policies and strategies for applications of information and communications technology and for effective disaster risk reduction, including relevant gender dimensions, for inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development".

Replace the existing text of expected accomplishment (b) with: "Increased sharing among policymakers of knowledge on effective strategies and policy options for information and communications technology connectivity and disaster risk reduction, including those related to climate change adaptation".

Replace the existing text of expected accomplishment (c) with: "Strengthened regional cooperation mechanisms in information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction".

Indicators of achievement

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (b) with: "Increased number of visitors accessing the ESCAP website, which provides information on strategies and policy options promoted by ESCAP on information and communications technology connectivity and disaster risk reduction, including those related to climate change adaptation".

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (c) with: "Increased number of ESCAP member States participating in ESCAP-promoted regional cooperation mechanisms devoted to information and communications technology, including space applications, and disaster risk reduction".

Strategy

Paragraph 15.27

In the first sentence, after the word "Division", insert the words ", with support from the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development".

After paragraph 15.27, insert a new paragraph, to read:

"The subprogramme will continue to promote regional cooperation and partnerships for improved information and communications technology connectivity, with a focus on policy harmonization for infrastructure development and information and communications technology capacity-building. In order to realize the goal of a people-centred information society in Asia and the Pacific, the expansion of access to information and communications technology and the further expansion of its use for inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development will be promoted, especially among the least developed countries and other countries with special needs. The subprogramme will employ the strategy of collaborating with other relevant intergovernmental organizations and existing regional mechanisms to address information and communications technology connectivity and capacity-building, and provide member States with high-quality analysis and policy recommendations and options for addressing the emerging challenges of the region and enhancing regional connectivity. Efforts would be further augmented by information and communications technology capacity-building activities conducted by the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development for policymakers and Government officials. The capacity built among key information and communications technology stakeholders would help to optimize the use of infrastructure and the development of applications in information and communications technology for socio-economic development."

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.

Paragraph 15.28

Replace the third sentence with: "The subprogramme will build on the comparative advantage of ESCAP within existing subregional mechanisms for tropical-cyclone-related disasters and its Regional Space Applications Programme and the established network associated with it." Replace the fourth sentence with the following: "Regional cooperative mechanisms in information and communications technology, including space-based applications for disaster risk reduction, the South-South cooperation approach and opportunities for public-private partnership will be promoted." Delete the fifth and sixth sentences. Create a new paragraph consisting of the last sentence of existing paragraph 15.28, and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.

Subprogramme 6
Social development

Strategy

Paragraph 15.29

In the third sentence, after the words "and global outcomes", insert the words "and other relevant Commission resolutions pertaining to social development".

Subprogramme 7
Statistics

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), after "Millennium Development Goals, by", add "official statisticians,".

In expected accomplishment (c), after the words "ESCAP member States to", insert "collect,".

In expected accomplishment (d), after the words "the ESCAP region to", insert "collect,".

Strategy

Paragraph 15.33

In the first sentence, delete the word "and" after item (c); in item (d), after the words "statistical offices to", insert "collect,"; and add a new item: "(e) strengthen statistical cooperation and information exchange at the regional and interregional levels". In the second sentence, replace the words "particularly on" with the words "in areas such as".

Subprogramme 8
Subregional activities for development

Component 2
Subregional activities for development in East and North-East Asia

Objective of the Organization

Delete ", in the Asia-Pacific region".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), after the words "that address", replace the remainder of the expected accomplishment with: "sustainable development, taking into account the green growth approach and energy efficiency, information and communications technology, disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management, poverty reduction and infrastructure development".

Component 3
Subregional activities for development in North and Central Asia

Objective of the Organization

Delete ", in the Asia-Pacific region".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), after the words "that address", replace the remainder of the expected accomplishment with: "transport and trade facilitation and water, energy and the environment".

Component 4
Subregional activities for development in South and South-West Asia

Objective of the Organization

Delete ", in the Asia-Pacific region".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), after the words "that address", replace the remainder of the expected accomplishment with: "gaps in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, infrastructure development, trade and transport facilitation, disaster risk reduction, energy and food security".

Component 5
Subregional activities for development in South-East Asia

Objective of the Organization

Delete ", in the Asia-Pacific region".

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"64/172	**The right to development**
64/193	**Follow-up to and implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the outcome of the 2008 Review Conference (Doha Declaration on Financing for Development) (subprogrammes 1, 2, 4 and 6)**
64/210	**Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
64/212	**Science and technology for development**
64/214	**Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation**
64/220	**Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**
64/221	**South-South cooperation**
64/223	**Towards global partnerships"**

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"66/1	**Incheon Declaration (all subprogrammes)**

66/3 **Implementation of the Dhaka outcome document on the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (all subprogrammes)**

66/15 **Strengthening of the evaluation function of the secretariat of the Commission (all subprogrammes)"**

Subprogramme 1
Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolution:

"64/190 International financial system and development"

Subprogramme 2
Trade and investment

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolution:

"64/188 International trade and development"

Subprogramme 3
Transport

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolution:

"64/255 Improving global road safety"

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"66/4 **Implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia**

66/5 **Implementation of the Jakarta Declaration on Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific**

66/6 **Improving road safety in Asia and the Pacific"**

Subprogramme 4
Environment and development

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"64/198 **Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life', 2005-2015**

64/206 **Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy**

64/207 **Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

64/236 **Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development"**

Subprogramme 5
Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolution:

"64/251 **International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development"**

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"66/8 **Review of the proposal for the establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for information, communication and space technology-enabled disaster management in the Islamic Republic of Iran**

66/14 **Continuation of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development"**

Subprogramme 6
Social development

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"64/130 **Policies and programmes involving youth**

64/131 **Realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities**

64/132 **Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing**

64/133 **Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond**

64/135 **Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly**

64/137 **Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women**

64/138 **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

64/139 **Violence against women migrant workers**

64/140 **Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas**

64/141 **Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**

64/154 **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto**

64/166 **Protection of migrants**

64/216 **Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)**

64/217 **Women in development"**

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"66/9 **Full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asia-Pacific region**

66/10 **Regional call for action to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific**

66/11 **Regional preparations for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012**

66/12 **Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference"**

Subprogramme 8
Subregional activities for development

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolutions

After the last entry, add the following resolutions:

"66/2 **Five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

66/7 **Pacific Urban Agenda**

66/13 **Strengthening regional cooperation in North and Central Asia"**

Programme 16
Economic development in Europe

219. At its 12th meeting, on 15 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 16, Economic development in Europe, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 16)).

220. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

221. Support was expressed for the overall orientation of the programme, particularly the objectives of the Economic Commission for Europe for 2012-2013 consistent with the goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

222. Appreciation was expressed for the various subprogrammes and continued cooperation with subregional organizations and groupings.

223. Appreciation was also expressed for the focus of subprogramme 1, in particular the decision to hold the Seventh Ministerial Conference under the Environment for Europe process in Astana in 2011.

224. Appreciation was further expressed for the focus of subprogramme 2, including the work on Euro-Asian transport links, road safety and projects aimed at improving energy efficiency in transport.

225. Appreciation was expressed for the work of subprogramme 4, particularly that concerning innovation and public-private partnerships, which could be useful for other regions. The view was expressed that the strategic framework could better reflect the major substantive components of the subprogramme.

226. Appreciation was also expressed for subprogramme 5 and its role in providing a platform for supplier-consumer dialogue and multilateral cooperation in energy security and in promoting global energy efficiency, in cooperation with other regional commissions.

Conclusions and recommendations

227. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 16, Economic development in Europe, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 16.3

At the end of the paragraph, after the word "objectives," add a new sentence to read: "In pursuing the aforesaid goals, adequate consideration will be given to the enduring effects of the economic and financial crisis in the region."

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (a), add the words ", with specific attention to promotion of new and renewable energy".

Strategy

Paragraph 16.30

In the third sentence, after the words "and coal mine methane", insert the words ", promote the use of new and renewable energy sources through the provision of information and technical and policy-oriented support".

Programme 17
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

228. At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 15 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 17, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 17) and Corr.1).

229. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

230. Appreciation and full support were expressed for programme 17 and all subprogrammes, and the inclusion of South-South cooperation was commended.

231. Views were expressed that the programme should increase its efforts to bridge the gap between countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and that economic growth should be promoted to achieve goals in social areas.

232. Clarifications were sought on the definition of financial crises and on the coordination of the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) with those of the resident coordinator mentioned in the section entitled "Overall orientation".

233. Concerns were expressed on the integration efforts, particularly on regional coordination at the country level, as there was no consensus on this. Additionally, since economic and social progress should be for all countries, the strategic framework should also address highly indebted countries in addition to middle-income countries.

234. With regard to indicators of achievement, a view was expressed that most of them reflected actions by member States and not the achievements of the secretariat. More attention should be paid to achievements in areas such as technical cooperation, training, technical advice and consultation. Furthermore, such indicators were too vague; for example, the increased number of decision makers

and institutions using ECLAC recommendations did not correlate with the performance level achieved by those countries, and no economic growth or inflation rate at the country level was established that could be considered as successful.

235. Regarding subprogramme 1, clarifications were sought on the meaning of "open, rule-based trading system", on the ECLAC plan to address early warning mechanisms of protectionism among trade partners, on how to ensure equal benefits for all member States and on how to avoid discrimination in the ECLAC coordination efforts with financial institutions and organizations, since they did not have uniform representation in the region.

236. Support was expressed for the establishment of the new subprogramme 4, and its implementation within existing resources was commended. A view was expressed about the importance of the subprogramme, especially in terms of strengthening the capacity of Latin American and Caribbean policymakers and other stakeholders to reshape the global and regional financial architecture, reducing development costs and increasing access to international resources. Clarification was sought on the redeployment of resources to finance the subprogramme, specifically on which programmes would be affected.

237. Appreciation was expressed for subprogramme 5, particularly in view of the fact that the reduction of poverty was an important issue to member States.

238. With regard to subprogramme 6, clarification was sought on gender equality and improving the rights of women in indicator of achievement (a) (i) and the number of countries of the region to measure indicator of achievement (b) (i). Furthermore, views were expressed that ECLAC should work closely with the national women's offices at the country level to coordinate and align their work programmes, and that strengthening the use of gender indicators should be done in coordination with member States and agreement reached on the indicators to be used, since some of them might have different meanings from one country to another. Concern was expressed with regard to indicator of achievement (a) (i), since some of the indicators might have not been fully accepted by all countries in the region.

Conclusions and recommendations

239. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 17, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 17.6

After the first sentence, add a new sentence to read: "The strategy will require an increase in the level of activities related to analytical, normative and advocacy work, as well as in the area of technical cooperation and support to member States in all the thematic areas covered by the programme."

Paragraph 17.10

At the end of the fourth sentence, delete the words "to enhance United Nations system-wide coherence".

Subprogramme 1
Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation

Strategy

Paragraph 17.13

In the first sentence, replace the words "further developing an open," with the words "the development of a", and insert the words "and predictable" after the word "rule-based".

Subprogramme 5
Social development and equality

Strategy

Paragraph 17.35

In the first sentence, insert the words "regional and" after the words "follow up on the outcomes of the major", and add the words ", including those" after the words "and summits".

Subprogramme 6
Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development

Objective of the Organization

Add the following words at the end of the sentence: "in order to improve the living conditions of women and their human rights".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (i), add the words "and agreed with member States" after the words "additional indicators proposed by ECLAC".

Strategy

Paragraph 17.37

At the end of the second sentence, add the words ", taking into account the perspective of the national mechanisms for the advancement of women".

Paragraph 17.40

After the words "(f) the production of gender indicators", add the words "in consultation with member States".

Subprogramme 7
Population and development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (i), replace "the subprogramme" with "ECLAC".

Strategy

Paragraph 17.45

In the last sentence, add the words "the follow-up of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development as well as" after the words "emphasis will be placed on".

Subprogramme 8
Sustainable development and human settlements

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of expected accomplishment (b), insert the words "and enhanced capacity of countries to implement the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development".

Indicators of achievement

Redesignate indicator of achievement (b) as (b) (i) and add a new indicator of achievement (b) (ii) to read: "Increased number of countries that adopt policies and measures to implement the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development".

Subprogramme 11
Statistics

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicator of achievement (a) (i), add the words ", after receiving relevant technical support from ECLAC" at the end of the sentence.

At the end of indicator of achievement (a) (ii), delete the words "in the countries of the region" and add the words "after receiving relevant technical support from ECLAC".

Subprogramme 12
Subregional activities in the Caribbean

Strategy

Paragraph 17.70

At the end of the paragraph, delete the words ", in particular regarding the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment, ensuring environmental sustainability and the building up of a global partnership for development".

Paragraph 17.71

At the end of the paragraph, delete the words ", including through the common country assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework process and the implementation of joint projects".

Programme 18
Economic and social development in Western Asia

240. At its 14th meeting, on 16 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 18, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 18)).

241. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

242. The view was expressed that two resolutions recently adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia could have an impact on the proposed strategic framework. Furthermore, the view was expressed that the objective of subprogramme 7 did not include a focus on people comparable to that in the strategic framework adopted for the period 2010-2011.

243. Clarification was sought as to why the focus of the programme was limited to four regional priority areas and three cross-cutting issues that did not include financing for development, unlike in the case of programmes 14 and 17.

Conclusions and recommendations

244. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 18, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 2
Integrated social policies

Revise the title of the subprogramme to read: "Social development" throughout.

Subprogramme 4
Information and communications technology for regional integration

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment (c) to read:

"(c) Enhanced national and regional capacity in science, technology and innovation to achieve sustainable development".

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (c) (i) to read:

"(i) Increased number of member countries effectively using technology transfer for socio-economic development".

Add a new indicator of achievement (c) (ii) to read:

"(ii) Increased number of member countries adopting national science, technology and innovation policies and strategies".

Subprogramme 7
Conflict mitigation and development

Objective of the Organization

Insert the words "people and" after the words "effects on".

Programme 19
Human rights

245. At its 16th meeting, on 17 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 19)).

246. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

247. Support was expressed for the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 19 for the period 2012-2013. Support was also expressed for the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to act on the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council.

248. Appreciation was expressed for the noteworthy improvement in the proposed biennial programme plan. Several views were expressed that the proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2012-2013 was similar to the biennial programme plan approved for the period 2010-2011, except for changes introduced in response to new mandates. The view was also expressed that the programme should be fully reviewed and recommendations should be made by the Committee, and that a repeat of the practice in prior periods, whereby the programme was transmitted to the Third Committee for its review and action, should be avoided. The view was expressed that the developing countries were faced with a financial crisis resulting from the global economic crisis; hence the biennial programme plan, and consequently the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), were an effective way to promote human rights. Views were expressed that advocacy for dialogue on human rights, insistence on respect and tolerance of others, promotion of human rights, building capacity on human rights issues and increasing knowledge and awareness of the international human rights treaties and the work of all treaty bodies, should be advanced.

249. The view was expressed that the plan did not mention practical measures taken by OHCHR to address issues relating to equitable geographical distribution in the composition of the staff of the Office.

250. With regard to subprogramme 1, a query was raised on the work of OHCHR in promoting the right to development (part B of the logical framework under the subprogramme), and, given the current economic situation, whether it was relevant to strengthen improvement in the programme concerning the right to development. The view was expressed that there was no explicit reference in subprogramme 1 to the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference (see A/CONF.211/8, chap. I). Another view was expressed that the Conference was a fundamental one, therefore all topics against racism were fully supported. Yet another view was expressed that there was still concern regarding the focus of the Durban Review Conference, the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (see A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I). The view was expressed that indicator of achievement (b) under part B, Right to development, of subprogramme 1, was unclear and too long, and that it should be split in two. It was questionable how OHCHR was succeeding in measuring increased knowledge, awareness and understanding of the realization of the right to development. The view was expressed that the title of part C, Research and analysis, of subprogramme 1 did not fully define the objective of the subprogrammes and that paragraph 19.11 in the strategy appeared to be much broader. Although support was expressed for subprogramme 1, the view was expressed that new indicators of achievement should be introduced relating to the field work undertaken by OHCHR and to its work on violations of the human rights of vulnerable groups.

251. A query was raised on what OHCHR would do to avoid overlap in implementing the work programme of subprogramme 2.

252. The meaning of the strategy of providing stakeholders at the national level with human rights legal advice, described in paragraph 19.13 (c) of the strategy under subprogramme 3, was queried. The view was expressed that parts of the expected accomplishments under subprogramme 3 appeared inaccurate, as they touched on political changes in countries and as such were not the work of the Secretariat, which could be seen as interference in the sovereignty of countries. A query was raised on the work carried out by OHCHR on the country-specific special procedures of the Human Rights Council referred to in paragraph 19.13 (e). A query was raised on the terms of reference of the trust funds established in relation to the universal periodic review process referred to in expected accomplishment (g) of the logical framework for subprogramme 3.

253. The relevance of indicator of achievement (a) (i) of subprogramme 4 was queried. It was suggested that it could be revised to reflect the accuracy, neutrality and precision of documents submitted for consideration by the Council.

254. An explanation was requested on the statement in paragraph 717 of the programme performance report of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/65/70), that the lack of additional resources to respond to increasing requests for OHCHR support and intervention was an ongoing challenge.

Conclusions and recommendations

255. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 19.6

Replace the word "substantive" with the word "strengthened" at the beginning of the first sentence.

Delete the last sentence.

Subprogramme 1
Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, and research and analysis

A. Human rights mainstreaming

Objective of the Organization

Insert the word "all" before the words "human rights" in both instances.

Delete the words "and their gender dimension".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Expected accomplishment (a)

Insert the word "all" before the words "human rights".

Replace the words "United Nations entities" with the words "the United Nations system".

Delete the words "and the gender dimension".

Insert the words "all areas, such as economic and social" before the word "development".

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "integrate human rights" with the words "integrate all human rights".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a), insert the word "all" before the words "human rights" and delete the words "and the gender dimension".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with "(b) Increased number of United Nations activities, projects and common country programming documents that further integrate all human rights".

Strategy

Subparagraph 19.9 (a)

Insert the word "all" after the words "promotion and protection of".

Subparagraph 19.9 (c)

Insert the word "all" before the words "human rights".

B. Right to development

Strategy

Subparagraph 19.10 (a)

At end of subparagraph 19.10 (a), add the words "through strengthened and effective evaluation and monitoring, to this end".

Subparagraph 19.10 (b)

At end of subparagraph 19.10 (b), add the words ", including by fostering support to the Working Group on the Right to Development".

C. Research and analysis

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), after the word "discrimination", delete the rest of the paragraph.

At end of expected accomplishment (b), add the words ", including contemporary forms of racism".

In expected accomplishment (c), delete the words "from the human rights perspective".

In expected accomplishment (d), replace the word "Enhanced" with the words "Promotion of" and replace the words "economic, social and cultural rights, including at the country level" with the words "at the country level and through capacity-building and international cooperation".

In expected accomplishment (e), replace the words "and other stakeholders" with the words ", civil society, the media and national human rights institutions, where they exist" and replace the words "democracy mechanisms" with the words "national democratic institutions".

Indicators of achievement

At end of indicator of achievement (b), add the words ", including contemporary forms of racism".

Replace indicator of achievement (c) with "(c) Increased number of activities carried out and measures taken in contribution to the effective achievement of the Millennium Development Goals".

In indicator of achievement (d), replace the words "in strengthening" with the words "to enhance the promotion of" and delete the words ", including economic, social and cultural rights".

In indicator of achievement (e), replace the words "democracy mechanisms" with the words "democratic institutions".

Strategy

Subparagraph 19.11 (a)

Move the words "promotion and protection of all human rights;" from their existing position and insert them after the words "methodological expertise;".

After the words "by combating discrimination", delete the rest of the paragraph.

Subprogramme 2
Supporting human rights treaty bodies

Objective of the Organization

After the words "United Nations human rights treaty bodies,", insert the words "by ensuring that the guiding principles of the programme are adhered to".

Delete the words "United Nations" before the words "human rights treaty bodies".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with "(a) Fully supported treaty bodies' work and their decision-making".

In expected accomplishment (c), delete the words "among national and international actors".

In expected accomplishment (d), insert the word "relevant" before the word "stakeholders" and delete the words ", including in the follow-up to their recommendations".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (c) with "(c) Increased percentage of uses of treaty body recommendations and decisions".

In indicator of achievement (d), insert the word "relevant" before the word "stakeholders" and delete the words ", including in the follow-up to treaty body recommendations".

Strategy

Subparagraph 19.12 (b)

At end of the subparagraph, insert the words ", in accordance with the guiding principles of this programme".

Subparagraph 19.12 (d)

Insert the words "where they exist" after the words "human rights institutions".

Subprogramme 3
Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (d), replace the words "including at the national level" with the words "including at the national level at the request of States".

In expected accomplishment (e), replace the words "peace missions" with the words "peacekeeping operations and peacebuilding activities", and at the end of the paragraph add the words ", in accordance with guiding principles of this programme".

In expected accomplishment (f), replace the word "capacity" with the word "role".

In expected accomplishment (g), replace the words "relevant universal periodic review trust fund" with the words "voluntary fund for financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the universal periodic review".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (e), replace the words "peace missions" with the words "peacekeeping operations and peacebuilding activities".

Replace indicator of achievement (f) with "(f) Increased number of activities undertaken by OHCHR in contributing to resolving identified situations of large-scale human rights violations at short notice".

In indicator of achievement (g), replace the words "requesting countries assisted" with the words "assistance programmes and activities provided to requesting States".

Strategy

Subparagraph 19.13 (a)

Replace the words "peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions" with the words "peacekeeping operations and peacebuilding activities".

At the end of the subparagraph, add the words ", in accordance with the guiding principles of this programme".

Subparagraph 19.13 (b)

Replace the words "at the specific request of countries" with the words "at the specific request of an affected country".

Subparagraph 19.13 (e)

After the words "country-specific", insert the words "and thematic".

Subprogramme 4
Supporting the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms

Objective of the Organization

Replace the word "substantive" with the word "strengthened" and after the word "advice" insert the words ", while ensuring that the guiding principles of this programme are adhered to,".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with "(a) Prompt and effective provision of strengthened, technical and expert support and advice to the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms".

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with "Full support to the universal periodic review mechanism, including timely and effective assistance, as appropriate, to States within the universal periodic review framework".

In expected accomplishment (c), insert the words "support to improve the" after the word "Enhanced".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with "(b) Increased number of activities for effective preparations for the universal periodic review".

Replace indicator of achievement (c) (ii) with "(c) (ii) Increased number of responses and feedback from States".

Strategy

Paragraph 19.14

Replace the first sentence with the following: "The Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division of OHCHR is responsible for implementing the subprogramme."

Subparagraph 19.14 (a)

Replace the word "substantive" with the word "strengthened" and after the words "expert support" insert the words ", while ensuring that the guiding principles of this programme are adhered to,".

Subparagraph 19.14 (c)

After the words "as appropriate" insert the words "in accordance with the guiding principles of this programme".

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

Before General Assembly resolution 57/300, add the following resolution:

"56/266 Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance"

Programme 20
International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

256. At its 14th meeting, on 16 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 20, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 20)).

257. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

258. The role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as the principal entity of the United Nations in promoting international protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees and other persons of concern was emphasized. Strong support and appreciation was expressed for the work of UNHCR, particularly concerning its collaboration with other partners and the clarity of its programme objectives. A commitment to support the future work of UNHCR was expressed.

259. Satisfaction was expressed with the balanced nature of the programme, as was appreciation for the work of UNHCR in providing humanitarian assistance and working on finding durable solutions to the problems faced by refugees and other persons of concern.

260. A view was expressed to introduce microcredit as part of durable solutions to the problems faced by refugees and other persons of concern, and a suggestion was made to rearrange the programme plan into four subprogrammes.

261. Clarification was sought as to the source of the mandate for the cluster approach to promoting autonomy of refugees and self-sufficiency and to the breakdown of responsibilities in regions.

262. Concern was expressed that programme indicators did not cover local integration of refugees and other persons of concern in recipient countries.

263. Questions were raised in regard to planning for cessation of humanitarian aid in certain countries, funding for displaced people, funding constraints and donor fatigue, the capacity of contingency plans and implementation of human resource policies in regard to gender and geographical balance.

264. The complexities associated with the work of UNHCR were acknowledged. The view was expressed that the activities related to internally displaced persons should be undertaken with the consent of the countries concerned or on the instruction of the Secretary-General or the competent bodies of the United Nations.

265. Concern was expressed regarding the presentation of the programme, which was unlike all the other programmes of the Secretariat. It was proposed that, for the biennium 2014-2015, the programme should be divided into four subprogrammes, which corresponded to the four pillars proposed in the budget outline.

Conclusions and recommendations

266. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 20, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 20.7

Replace subparagraph (d) with the text of paragraph 20.4 (d) of programme 20 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, which reads:

"(d) Ensuring that UNHCR fully participates in and supports the strengthened collaborative response of the United Nations to situations of internal displacement through its leadership and coordination of areas for which the Office has been given special responsibility: protection, emergency shelter and camp management/ coordination".

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (f) (iv) to read: "(iv) Increased number of new local integration programmes and increased support for ongoing programmes".

Add a new indicator of achievement (f) (v) to read: "(v) Increased mobility of resources for refugee assistance".

Programme 21
Palestine refugees

267. At its 13th meeting, on 15 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 21, Palestine refugees, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 21)).

268. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

269. Appreciation of and support for the programme were expressed.

270. A view was expressed that continued cooperation and assistance to the refugees should be maintained until General Assembly resolution 194 (III) was fully implemented. A view was also expressed that chronic funding shortfalls for the programme should be addressed and, in that regard, coordination with the various agencies, donors and partnerships should be improved.

271. With regard to subprogramme 1, clarification was sought as to why only antibiotics were mentioned in indicator of achievement (a) and whether other prescription medications were covered by the programme. Clarification was also sought as to whether the infant mortality rate reflected in indicator of achievement (b) was sufficient to measure performance. A view was expressed that a broader and more inclusive indicator of achievement could be considered. A view was also expressed that a decline in the infant mortality rate could be considered instead.

272. With regard to subprogramme 2, clarification was sought as to the percentage of girls attending the elementary and preparatory education cycles mentioned in indicators of achievement (a) (i) and (ii). Clarification was also sought as to whether there was a difference in the academic performance of girls and boys.

273. With regard to subprogramme 3, clarification was sought as to the meaning of indicator of achievement (a), which read "Increase in the proportion of abject poor in the UNRWA social safety net".

Conclusions and recommendations

274. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 21, Palestine refugees, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modification:**

Subprogramme 3
A decent standard of living

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (a) to read:

"(a) Increased percentage of abject poor among beneficiaries of the UNRWA social safety net".

Programme 22
Humanitarian assistance

275. At its 15th meeting, on 16 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 22, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 22)).

276. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to the queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

277. Appreciation and support were expressed for the work of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

278. Regret was expressed that no reference was made in the proposed strategic framework to age and disability in line with paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 64/76.

279. Clarifications were sought on the gender marker system and the mandate on which the system was based; on what was meant by "access strategies", as mentioned in indicator of achievement (c) under subprogramme 1; and on the identity of the "other humanitarian partners" mentioned in subprogramme 1, expected accomplishment (a).

280. Clarification was also sought on indicator of achievement (b) (i) under subprogramme 2, on the availability of a rapid-response team to intervene in the first days of a humanitarian emergency and, at the recovery level, on pledges made by donors.

281. Clarification was also sought as to why the work done by the United Nations Development Programme in relation to subprogramme 3 was no longer mentioned in the proposed strategic framework.

282. The importance of central coordination in the delivery of humanitarian aid was stressed, and it was noted that sometimes there were problems in the field regarding the planning and distribution of humanitarian assistance.

283. Satisfaction was expressed at the progress made in terms of the timely delivery of aid and in the coordination of humanitarian assistance, and emphasis was placed on the need for further improvements.

284. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts made to broaden the donor base and draw attention to forgotten emergencies.

285. The view was expressed that more information should be included on coordination and cooperation with United Nations agencies and funds and programmes.

Conclusions and recommendations

286. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 22, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 22.3

In the third sentence, replace the words "and the gender marker system for tracking of gender-related fund allocations" with the words ", as well as better analysis of gender-related fund allocations".

Subprogramme 1
Policy and analysis

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the words "within the United Nations system and with other humanitarian partners in response to disasters and emergencies" with the words "with organizations and entities of the United Nations system, as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Organization for Migration and relevant non-governmental organizations".

Indicators of achievement

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (c) with the following:

"(c) Number of resident coordinators/humanitarian coordinators trained in the application of guidelines on the protection of civilians".

Strategy

Paragraph 22.5

At the beginning of the first sentence, replace the words "The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs" with the words "The Policy Development and Studies Branch in New York and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee secretariat in Geneva and New York".

Paragraph 22.6

At the beginning of the first sentence, replace the words "The Office" with the words "The Policy Development and Studies Branch in New York and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee secretariat in Geneva and New York".

At the end of the first sentence, insert ", taking into account the specific needs of the affected population, recognizing that giving appropriate consideration to, inter alia, gender, age and disability, is part of a comprehensive and effective humanitarian response".

In the second, fourth, fifth, sixth and last sentences, replace the words "The Office" with the words "The Policy Development and Studies Branch in New York and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee secretariat in Geneva and New York".

In the fourth sentence, delete the words "by using the gender marker system in common humanitarian action plans".

In the seventh sentence, replace the work "it" with the word "they".

Paragraph 22.7

In the first sentence, replace the words "the Office" with the words "the Policy Development and Studies Branch in New York and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee secretariat in Geneva and New York".

Subprogramme 2
Coordination of humanitarian action and emergency response

Strategy

Paragraph 22.9

In the first sentence, replace the words "The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs" with the words "The Coordination and Response Division and the CERF secretariat in New York and the External Relations and Support Mobilization Branch in Geneva".

Paragraph 22.10

In the first, second and last sentences, replace the words "The Office" with the words "The Coordination and Response Division and the CERF secretariat in New York and the External Relations and Support Mobilization Branch in Geneva".

Paragraph 22.11

In the first, second, fourth, sixth and last sentences, replace the words "the Office" with the words "the Coordination and Response Division and the CERF secretariat in New York and the External Relations and Support Mobilization Branch in Geneva".

Paragraph 22.12

In the first, second and last sentences, replace the words "the Office" with the words "the Coordination and Response Division and the CERF secretariat in New York and the External Relations and Support Mobilization Branch in Geneva".

In the second sentence, replace the words "while taking into account intergovernmental discussions" with the words ", in coordination with the national authorities of the affected State, as appropriate".

After the last sentence, add a new sentence to read: "The Coordination and Response Division and the CERF secretariat in New York and the External Relations and Support Mobilization Branch in Geneva will also ensure that resident and humanitarian coordinators receive guidance on the decisions taken in intergovernmental discussions held at the United Nations."

Subprogramme 3
Natural disaster reduction

Strategy

Paragraph 22.14

At the end of the last sentence, add ", concurrent with the focus of activities undertaken with the two participating organizations, namely, the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)".

Subprogramme 5
Humanitarian emergency information and advocacy

Strategy

Paragraph 22.22

In the first sentence, replace the words "The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs" with the words "The Communications and Information Services Branch".

Paragraph 22.23

In the first and second sentences, replace the words "The Office" with the words "The Communications and Information Services Branch".

Paragraph 22.24

In the second and fifth sentences, replace the words "The Office" with the words "The Communications and Information Services Branch".

Programme 23
Public information

287. At its 8th meeting, on 10 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 23, Public information, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 23)).

288. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

289. General support was expressed for the work of the programme and its three subprogrammes. The view was expressed that the document was comprehensive regarding the role and objective of the Department of Public Information. It was also noted that the Department, as the voice of the United Nations, played an important role in achieving the greatest public impact and reaching the global audience.

290. Clarification was sought on the definition of global conferences and grass-roots support and the criteria for the selection of external organizations for partnerships. Clarification was also sought on whether there was duplication and redundancy in

the activities of the three subprogrammes and how the Department focused on key issues apart from the priority themes guided by the Millennium Declaration. The Department was also requested to highlight the key challenges encountered during the implementation of its programmes.

291. Strong support was expressed for multilingualism in official and local languages, and the need for equal treatment of all six official languages was emphasized. With regard to the availability of information in developing countries, the view was shared that the Department should be aware of the vast disparity among countries and regions. The importance of finding different means to address the special needs of developing countries was emphasized. It was also requested that internal communication on iSeek should continue, with a view to further enhancements.

292. With regard to the use of new media technology, clarification was sought on the methodology to be used to measure the impact of the programmes.

293. The continued importance of collaboration with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations was stressed. The Department of Public Information was called upon to ensure that information on the work of United Nations peacekeepers could continue to reach a wider global audience.

Conclusions and recommendations

294. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 23, Public information, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 23.2

In the first sentence, replace the words "timely, accurate, impartial, comprehensive and coherent" with "accurate, impartial, comprehensive, balanced, coherent, timely and relevant".

Paragraph 23.3

In the first sentence, replace the phrase "global conferences" with "United Nations conferences".

Paragraph 23.4

Replace the word "expanded" with "stronger".

Subprogramme 1
Strategic communication services

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (c) (iii) to read: "Increased number of information materials and United Nations publications available in local languages".

Strategy

Paragraph 23.7

In the first sentence, replace the word "aims" with "objectives".

Subprogramme 3
Outreach services

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (a) (i) to read:

"Increased partnerships with entities within and outside the United Nations system".

Programme 24
Management and support services

295. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 14 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 24, Management and support services, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 24)).

296. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded, together with other representatives of the Secretariat, to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

297. The importance of the programme was emphasized and views were expressed in support of the programme and the important role it played in providing critical support and services in the delivery of the programme of work of the Organization. The importance of the effective and efficient functioning of the financial, human resources, support and information and communications technology services was emphasized. Support was expressed for the incorporation of issues, such as accountability, efficiency, effectiveness, timeliness and transparency, in the proposed strategic framework, and the Secretariat's ongoing efforts in these areas were welcomed. It was observed, however, that some of the indicators of achievement and expected accomplishments under various subprogrammes were generic and needed further refinement so as to make them specific, quantifiable and measurable.

298. Emphasis was placed on the inseparability of accountability and transparency, and the view was expressed that those criteria and requirements should be applied jointly, both within the Secretariat and for Member States.

299. Regarding the enterprise resource planning project, "Umoja", it was indicated that there was a need for continued dialogue, consultation and exchange of information with Member States in order for them to be fully convinced of the tangible benefits of the project and to understand the structural changes being proposed.

300. Concerns were expressed that, owing to the timing of the conclusion of the second resumed session of the Fifth Committee and the scheduled commencement

of the session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the programme of work of the latter had been affected.

301. With regard to subprogramme 3, it was emphasized that the Secretariat and the United Nations funds and programmes should make efforts to harmonize their human resources practices. The importance of transparency in filling vacancies and in the information contained in vacancy announcements, and the need for adequate time for applicants, especially from countries where electronic information technology resources were less developed, was highlighted. The view was expressed that indicators of achievement should not only measure selection decisions prior to retirement, but also overall workforce planning.

302. Concerns were expressed that the principles of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the recruitment of staff were not sufficiently reflected in the proposed strategic framework. In addition, the view was expressed that, while equitable geographical distribution and gender balance were important to the Organization, they should not diminish the importance of Article 101.3 of the Charter of the United Nations, namely an individual's suitability for a given position. Emphasis was placed on the importance of staff mobility, the need to ensure that the services of consultants and experts were used only when in-house expertise was not available and the need to fill vacancies in a timely manner.

303. As regards subprogramme 4, the need for increased access and participation of vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the procurement process was stressed. Concern was expressed that, while the average time taken for consideration of cases in the Headquarters Committee on Contracts was reasonable, the overall procurement process was extensive and, in the cases of some vendors, long periods of time were required before the award of procurement contracts. Emphasis was placed on the importance of efforts aimed at achieving further savings and economies in travel.

304. Concerning subprogramme 5 and subprogramme 6, the role of information and communications technology in enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and transparency in the Organization was welcomed. It was emphasized that such technology should be viewed as an integral part of the Organization, and support was expressed in favour of investment in that area, including enterprise resource planning, enterprise content management and customer relations management systems. It was indicated that collaboration and coordination within the Secretariat and with other organizations of the United Nations system with regard to information and communications technology systems and the strengthening of the role of the Chief Information Technology Officer were important.

Conclusions and recommendations

305. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 24, Management and support services, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, subject to the following modifications:**

A. Headquarters

Subprogramme 1
Management services, administration of justice and services to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and to the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Component 1
Management services

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (iii) to read: "(a) (iii) All mandates have been accomplished".

Component 4
Services to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and to the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Strategy

In the first sentence of paragraph 24.19 (a) replace the word "revitalizing" with the word "facilitating".

In the second sentence of paragraph 24.19 (a), replace the words "with a view to developing appropriate proposals on the methods of work for review by the bodies concerned" with "to the bodies concerned".

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management

Component 2
Strategic planning and staffing

Expected accomplishments

In expected accomplishment (a), after the word "promotion", insert the words "of the best qualified and competent personnel,".

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) to read: "(e) Facilitated voluntary mobility in compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicator of achievement (a) (i), add the words "on regular budget posts".

Also at the end of indicator of achievement (a) (i) add the words "through recruitment of candidates from those States, if they prove to be the best qualified and competent personnel".

Add a new indicator (c) (ii) (renumbering indicator (c) as (c) (i)), to read: "(c) (ii) Increased availability of updated data on staff members regarding matters such as skills development, acquisition of languages or staff mobility".

Add a new indicator of achievement (e) to read: "(e) Number of voluntary movements".

Component 4
Medical services

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following indicator, to read: "(b) Increased number of attendees in health promotion activities".

Subprogramme 4
Support services

Component 1
Facilities and commercial services

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (c), replace the words "Maintenance of" with the word "Increased".

Component 2
Procurement services

Objective of the Organization

Insert the word "transparent", before the word "timely".

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (iii) to read: "(a) (iii) Reduction of complaints by clients involved in either the registration or tender processes".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: "(b) Increased number of eligible vendors from different regions of the world for lender invitations".

At the end of indicator of achievement (c), add the words ", as well as reduced number of mismanagement and non-compliance findings by the Office of Internal Oversight Services".

Replace indicator of achievement (d), with the following: "(d) Increased number of vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the process of United Nations procurement in accordance with financial regulation 5.12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations".

Strategy

At the end of paragraph 24.34 (c), add the words "and the intergovernmental organs".

B. United Nations Office at Geneva

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management (Geneva)

Expected accomplishments

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) to read: "(e) Improved recruitment, placement and promotion, as well as facilitation of greater geographical representation and gender balance of staff".

Add a new expected accomplishment (f) to read: "(f) Facilitated voluntary mobility in compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Indicators of achievement

Add three new indicators of achievement, (e) (i), (ii) and (iii) to read:

"(e) (i) Reduction in the number of unrepresented and underrepresented Member States in the Secretariat"

"(ii) Increased percentage of female staff on regular budget posts in the Professional and higher categories"

"(iii) Reduction in the average number of days from the date of issuance of vacancy announcements to the date of selection for all regular vacancies advertised".

Add a new indicator of achievement (f) to read: "(f) Number of voluntary movements".

Strategy

In the second sentence of paragraph 24.38, after the words "human resources reform", add the words ", in accordance with intergovernmental mandates".

Subprogramme 4
Support services (Geneva)

Objective of the Organization

In objective 2, insert the word "transparent," before the word "timely".

Indicators of achievement

Under objective 1, in indicator of achievement (c), replace the words "Maintenance of" with the word "Increased".

Under objective 2, replace indicator (c) with the following: "(c) Increased number of vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the process of United Nations procurement in accordance with financial regulation 5.12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations".

C. United Nations Office at Vienna

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management (Vienna)

Expected accomplishments

Add a new expected accomplishment (d) to read: "(d) Improved recruitment, placement and promotion as well as facilitation of greater geographical representation and gender balance of staff".

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) to read: "(e) Facilitated voluntary mobility in compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Indicators of achievement

Add new indicators of achievement (d) (i), (ii) and (iii) to read:

"(d) (i) Reduction in the number of unrepresented and underrepresented Member States in the Secretariat"

"(ii) Increased percentage of female staff on regular budget posts in the Professional and higher categories"

"(iii) Reduction in the average number of days from the date of issuance of vacancy announcements to the date of selection for all regular vacancies advertised".

Add a new indicator of achievement (e) as follows: "(e) Number of voluntary movements".

Subprogramme 4
Support services (Vienna)

Objective of the Organization

In objective 2, insert the word "transparent", before the word "timely".

Indicators of achievement

Under objective 1, in indicator of achievement (b), replace the words "Maintenance of" with the word "Increased".

Under objective 2, replace indicator (c) with the following: "(c) Increased number of vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the process of United Nations procurement in accordance with financial regulation 5.12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations".

D. United Nations Office at Nairobi

Subprogramme 3
Human resources management (Nairobi)

Expected accomplishments

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) to read: "(e) Improved recruitment, placement and promotion as well as facilitation of greater geographical representation and gender balance of staff".

Add a new expected accomplishment (f) to read: "(f) Facilitated voluntary mobility in compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Indicators of achievement

Add new indicators of achievement (e) (i), (ii) and (iii) as follows:

"(e) (i) Reduction in the number of unrepresented and underrepresented Member States in the Secretariat"

"(ii) Increased percentage of female staff on regular budget posts in the Professional and higher categories"

"(iii) Reduction in the average number of days from the date of issuance of vacancy announcements to the date of selection for all regular vacancies advertised".

Add a new indicator of achievement (f) as follows: "(f) Number of voluntary movements".

Subprogramme 4
Support services (Nairobi)

Objective of the Organization

In objective 2, insert the word "transparent," before the word "timely".

Indicators of achievement

Under objective 2, replace indicator of achievement (c) with the following: "(c) Increased number of vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the process of United Nations procurement in accordance with financial regulation 5.12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations".

Programme 25
Internal oversight

306. At its 6th and 7th meetings, on 9 and 10 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 25, Internal oversight, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 25)).

307. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

308. The introductory statement provided concerning programme 25 was acknowledged and the increase in the number of reports implemented and inspected was commended.

309. Clarification was sought on how the concept of accountability as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/259 was reflected in the framework for the programme and how the Secretariat would address the issue, mindful of the fact that the resolution on accountability was adopted by the Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session, after the strategic framework for the programme had been issued. In addition, clarification was sought on the reasons for the exclusion of intergovernmental resolutions in paragraph 25.4 of the report.

310. The view was expressed that the relevance of using some words in indicator of achievement (a) (i) for subprogramme 1, relating to the increased mention of internal audit reports in the decision-making of Member States, would be assessed.

311. It was recalled that the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) had conducted a risk assessment and created a risk registry. The question was raised as to what OIOS did with the programmes that were not categorized as high- or medium-risk. In addition, clarification was sought on the status of implementation of the new issue tracking system in 2010.

312. Questions were raised regarding the frequency of tripartite meetings with other supervisory bodies, in particular, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Board of Auditors, and regarding the various issues discussed and the respective mandates for each body.

313. The view was expressed that the current programme evaluation cycle of 11 to 13 years reflected in paragraph 25.6 was quite lengthy, and questions were raised as to how the programme workload was conducted in such a time frame. Questions were also raised as to how OIOS planned to reduce the current programme evaluation cycle to eight years.

314. Clarification was also sought regarding economic fraud, specifically with respect to those departments and functions in which there was a high risk of such behaviour, and the related financial value of fraud cases.

Conclusions and recommendations

315. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 25, Internal oversight, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 25.4

In the first sentence, add the words "intergovernmental mandates and" after the words "in accordance with".

Subprogramme 2
Inspection and evaluation

Indicators of achievement

Add indicator of achievement (a) (iii), to read:

"Increased number of programmes evaluated"

Legislative mandates

Add the following to the list of General Assembly resolutions, after resolution 64/243:

"64/259 Towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat"

Programme 26
Jointly financed activities

316. At its 16th meeting, on 17 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 26)).

317. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the relevant components of the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

318. Support was expressed for the overall orientation of the programme.

319. Regarding the International Civil Service Commission, clarification was sought on the impact of the human resources standards recommended by the secretariat of the Commission, in particular the efforts to improve staff mobility between Headquarters and other duty stations. Questions were raised as to the method and frequency of the review of the hardship classification of field duty stations.

320. Regarding the Joint Inspection Unit, clarification was sought on the follow-up system agreed between the Unit and its participating organizations, in particular in respect of the results of the implementation of Unit recommendations. It was observed that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit were circulated widely to other committees, but that they were presented infrequently to the Committee for Programme and Coordination. While the need to avoid duplicating the efforts of Committees was recognized, it was suggested that those Unit reports which dealt with coordination issues could also be presented to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in future, where appropriate, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/224, in which the Assembly had welcomed the intention of the Committee to enhance its dialogue on coordination issues with the Joint Inspection Unit and the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).

321. Regarding the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, questions were raised as to the practicality of measuring the coherence, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the system-wide coordination activities implemented by CEB member organizations. Clarification was sought regarding the role and mandates of the United Nations Development Group as a third pillar of CEB and the role of the CEB secretariat in ensuring that the mandates and operational modalities of task forces and working groups established by the Board aligned with the mandates conferred by Member States. The importance of transparency in the operation of CEB was also emphasized.

Conclusions and recommendations

322. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

C. United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Overall orientation

Paragraph 26.11

In the last sentence, after the words "of country-level development operations", insert the words "in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/208".

Paragraph 26.12

In the second sentence, after the words "The Board will focus on", insert the words "and coordinate the activities of the United Nations organs, funds and programmes towards".

In the third sentence, after the word "coherence", add the words "and coordination".

In the fourth sentence, replace the words "fostering joint responses to global challenges, such as those related to climate change, the global food security crisis, eradication of poverty and safety and security issues" with the words "coordinating joint responses to global challenges, such as those related to climate change, the global food security crisis, eradication of poverty and safety and security issues, in accordance with intergovernmental mandates".

In the fifth sentence, replace the words "of both climate change considerations in the work of United Nations system organizations and a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the policies and programmes of the system" with the words "of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the policies and programmes of the system, in accordance with intergovernmental mandates".

Paragraph 26.14

At the end of the paragraph, add the words "through, inter alia, the publication of the inter-agency decisions".

Paragraph 26.15

In item (f), after the words "the Economic and Social Council," add the words "and the engagement of the CEB secretariat with the Committee for Programme and Coordination,".

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (iii) to read:

"(iii) Number of joint or complementary activities to implement the decisions of the intergovernmental organs, especially the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as approved by the General Assembly".

Strategy

Paragraph 26.16

In the third sentence, replace the words "coherent and effective guidance with regard to country-level operations" with the words "coherence and coordination with regard to country-level operations in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/208".

Legislative mandates

C. United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following:

"62/224 and 63/247	**Programme planning"**

Programme 27
Safety and security

323. At its 13th meeting, on 15 June 2010, the Committee considered programme 27, Safety and security, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 27)).

324. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

325. The importance of the programme in ensuring the safety and security of United Nations personnel as they carried out their work was emphasized. It was noted with appreciation that the indicators of achievement for 2012-2013 were clear, specific and measurable.

326. With regard to component 1 of subprogramme 2, questions were raised regarding the enhancement of safety and security for staff and their eligible dependants at regional locations.

327. Clarification was also sought on the Department's approach to comprehensive cooperation with host country authorities on security issues having an impact on the United Nations.

Conclusions and recommendations

328. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 27, Safety and security, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Security and safety coordination

Indicators of achievement

Add new indicator of achievement (a) (iv) to read:

"Continued provision of specialized training for security and safety personnel to increase their efficiency and professionalism".

B. Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance for the biennium 2008-2009

329. At its 3rd meeting, on 8 June 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/65/70).

330. The Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, the Controller, introduced the programme performance report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

331. Delegations expressed their appreciation for the report and noted with satisfaction the comprehensive coverage it provided of the implementation of each programme within the Secretariat.

332. The Secretariat was commended for including a broad range of information on the regular programme of technical cooperation. This was viewed as a positive development and a valuable contribution to the report.

333. Concern was expressed about the presentation of information on postponed outputs. It was noted that the table containing the summary of postponed outputs did not fully convey the reasons for postponement of output. More information was requested on the types of output under other substantive activities. A specific question on reasons for the low implementation rate achieved by the Office for Disarmament Affairs was also raised.

334. Specific questions on resource utilization concerning the percentage of work-months attributed to consultants, as well as the reason explaining that number, were raised.

Conclusions and recommendations

335. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to improve the programme performance report and, in that regard, to emphasize the need for more clarity and explanation concerning the implementation rate, as well as the reasons for addition, postponement and termination of outputs.**

C. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-seventh session on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs

336. At its 3rd meeting, on 8 June 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-seventh session on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs (E/AC.51/2010/2).

337. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report, and representatives of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Department of Political Affairs responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

338. Delegations expressed appreciation for the high quality of the report and noted the progress achieved by the Department of Political Affairs. Delegations expressed concern regarding the inequitable geographical representation and gender imbalance in the roster of electoral assistance, and representatives from OIOS and the Department acknowledged that, while some progress had been made in increasing the representation of experts from Africa, more progress was needed with respect to other regional groups. It was also clarified that the Committee, in its report on its forty-seventh session (A/62/16), had requested OIOS to report on that specific issue in the triennial review. The point was also made that the nine recommendations with respect to which work was still in progress could have been implemented, and the representative of the Department responded by citing the actions that were being undertaken to ensure their implementation.

339. Several other questions were raised regarding the OIOS report. Regarding the issue of mobility in the Department of Political Affairs, representatives of the Department and OIOS noted that, since no official mobility policy for the Secretariat had been approved, any mobility undertaken in the Department had been voluntary, and also that the Department had taken important steps by developing a plan for encouraging movement and having senior leadership communicate information thereon to staff. A question was also raised regarding the status of the electoral trust funds, and the Department representative responded by explaining how they were being used to support electoral assistance activities. The Department representative also reported on the steps that the Department had taken to respond to the crisis following the earthquake in Haiti. It was further stated that the Department had been consulting with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General with respect to the conduct of a comprehensive assessment of the envoy system in 2010.

340. Concern was expressed over the decreasing trend in terms of geographic representation and gender balance in the Department of Political Affairs in general, and the roster of electoral assistance in particular, with respect to the Asia/Pacific region, Central and South America and the Middle East.

Conclusions and recommendations

341. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take concrete measures to address the issue of imbalance**

in geographic representation and gender parity in the Department of Political Affairs in general and the roster of electoral assistance in particular, in the context of the report requested by the Assembly in its resolution 63/261.

342. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to implement all outstanding recommendations of OIOS regarding the evaluation of the Department of Political Affairs, including those deemed to require critical action.**

Chapter III
Coordination questions

A. Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2009/10

343. At its 16th and 18th meetings, on 17 and 18 June 2010, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the annual overview report of CEB for 2009/10 (E/2010/69).

344. The Director of the CEB secretariat introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

345. Delegations thanked the Director of the CEB secretariat for his presentation, welcomed the comprehensive annual overview report of CEB for 2009/10 and commended its work and the work of its three pillars (the High-level Committee on Programmes, the High-level Committee on Management and the United Nations Development Group) in strengthening coordination on various areas within the United Nations system.

346. Member States expressed the view that some of the initiatives described in the report seemed to go beyond intergovernmental mandates or were currently under consideration by Member States.

347. Delegations noted that the global financial and economic crisis had affected all countries, in particular the most vulnerable countries, and they welcomed the continued work of CEB on its "joint crisis initiatives". Delegations sought more information on the mandate that supported the nine joint crisis initiatives, including the "green economy initiative" and the "global jobs pact". They also expressed interest in receiving further information on the progress achieved under each initiative, including the Global Impact and Vulnerability Alert System.

348. With regard to the green economy initiative, several delegations pointed out that the green economy concept was under consideration by intergovernmental organs and that, according to a decision adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development, the initiative would be analysed at the 20-year review of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

349. Several delegations reiterated that the nine joint crisis initiatives implemented by CEB had elements still under consideration by intergovernmental organs, again highlighting the green economy initiative as an example.

350. Delegations took note of progress made to enhance the harmonization of business practices, and noted that that particular issue was still under consideration in the context of the consultations on system-wide coherence. Delegations questioned the funding approach utilized to implement the initiatives contained in the business practices proposal, and requested additional information.

351. Concerning the "Delivering as one" pilots, the experimental and voluntary nature of the projects was also highlighted, and delegations suggested that the United Nations system avoid a "one size fits all" approach.

352. Support was expressed for increased dialogue between the United Nations system and the Economic and Social Council. Several delegations urged CEB to continue its efforts in that regard and to enhance the transparency of its decisions and work for Member States.

353. Delegations emphasized, however, that they found that the quantity and quality of information on the CEB website provided an insufficient level of transparency and accountability regarding the Board's activities.

354. Some delegations noted that the CEB statement of purpose on climate change primarily addressed the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in 2009. In that connection, it was urged that the activities of the United Nations system with respect to climate change should go beyond participation in the sixteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to be held in Cancún, Mexico, in 2010, as it was perceived that the United Nations system had a central role to play in addressing climate change.

355. Some delegations sought further information on the response of the United Nations system to a number of reports by the Joint Inspection Unit. In particular, delegations requested information regarding the status of the system-wide comments on the Unit's report on the special representatives of the Secretary-General and resident coordinators, as that report might have an impact on discussions that were about to take place within the Economic and Social Council.

356. Delegations also sought further information with respect to specific areas of the annual overview report, including the management and accountability system of the United Nations resident coordinator system, procurement at the country level and the work of the United Nations system on climate change.

357. With regard to the joint crisis initiatives, the Director of the CEB secretariat explained that all nine initiatives were built on the ongoing work of the United Nations system, with particular focus on crisis-related aspects. The initiatives were decentralized, and progress under each initiative was reported by the lead and convening agencies. It was further explained that the green economy initiative pre-dated discussions on the concept of a green economy that were currently under way in the General Assembly. That scenario also applied to other CEB initiatives, including the global jobs pact.

358. Further clarification was provided on the process for the harmonization of business practices, which had been presented to the Economic and Social Council in 2009. Regarding procurement, it was explained that the "global marketplace" was a framework for building vendor and supplier capacity in developing countries.

359. In relation to enhancing the capacity of the offices of the resident coordinators in crisis countries, it was explained that the Secretary-General had already implemented measures in that regard in crisis and post-crisis countries, in response to requests contained in the triennial comprehensive policy review. With respect to climate change, it was further explained that, under the CEB coordinating framework, including the High-level Committee on Programmes Working Group on Climate Change, the United Nations system continued to build a coordinated response to climate change, in support of intergovernmental negotiations. The CEB statement of purpose represented a joint response to the issue of how the United Nations system could support Member States in addressing the challenge of climate change.

Conclusions and recommendations

360. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the need for the Board to continue to act in accordance with its mandate of enhancing system-wide coordination and in conformity with the intergovernmental mandates of its member organizations.**

361. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request that the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, in developing joint crisis initiatives, including the "green economy initiative", ensure that they were in line with intergovernmental mandates.**

362. **The Committee noted that measures adopted by CEB to enable a rapid response by the United Nations system to the global economic and financial crisis were focused on the "world's most vulnerable", a category that differed from United Nations language. In that regard, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to encourage the Board to focus its initiatives on developing countries, including the least developed countries, landlocked countries and small island developing States.**

363. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to ensure that the work of the High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing and the High-level Panel under the Copenhagen Accord did not prejudice the ongoing negotiations on the sixteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.**

364. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to encourage the dialogue between CEB and Member States, publicize all inter-agency decisions and continue to enhance comprehensively the quantity and quality of information on the CEB website, in order to improve the Board's transparency and accountability to Member States.**

365. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to take into account the relevant approved recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit on the comprehensive review of the implementation of the management and accountability system that would take place in 2010 (see E/2010/69, para. 35).**

366. **The Committee stressed that the issue of enhanced capacity of resident coordinators in crisis and post-crisis countries had not been considered by the relevant intergovernmental bodies.**

367. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request that the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, in developing measures or initiatives relating to system-wide coherence and the concept of "one United Nations", ensure that they were in line with intergovernmental mandates.**

368. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to take into consideration the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations relating to system-wide coherence when adopting decisions regarding the harmonization of business practices.**

369. **The Committee also reiterated its recommendations contained in its reports on its forty-seventh session (A/62/16, para. 114), forty-eighth session (A/63/16, paras. 407 and 408) and forty-ninth session (A/64/16, para. 124), in which it stated that any criteria and methodology for the comprehensive evaluation of the eight "Delivering as one" pilot projects should first be considered and approved by the General Assembly and that United Nations support to "Delivering as one" pilot projects should not prejudice the outcome of the intergovernmental deliberations of the Assembly on system-wide coherence.**

370. **The Committee recognized the efforts of the Working Group on Supplier Access to increase the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the procurement process of the Organization, and recommended in that regard that the General Assembly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the need to continue to better address that issue.**

371. **The Committee welcomed the continued cooperation among CEB, the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit, and encouraged CEB to strengthen that cooperation through the more frequent participation of the Joint Inspection Unit and the International Civil Service Commission in the meetings of the High-level Committee on Management, the High-level Committee on Programmes and the United Nations Development Group.**

B. United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

372. At its 4th meeting, on 8 June 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2010/3).

373. The Director of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa introduced the report and responded to questions and comments raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

374. Delegations expressed appreciation for the comprehensive analytical report, including, in particular, the fact that it contained concrete evidence on results achieved.

375. Strong support was expressed for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as an Africa-owned and Africa-led initiative for Africa's socio-economic development. Delegations noted with deep appreciation the integration of NEPAD into the African Union's structures and processes. In particular, delegations took note of the establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency as the technical body of the African Union replacing the NEPAD secretariat.

376. Delegations acknowledged the important work done by the organizations and departments of the United Nations system in support of the implementation of NEPAD. Delegations took note of the outcome of the 10th meeting of the Regional

Coordination Mechanism and called for stronger inter-agency coordination and coherence in the nine clusters, particularly on infrastructure, agriculture, food security and rural development. Furthermore, delegations underlined the importance of strengthening monitoring and evaluation, as well as aligning the work of the United Nations system with the priorities of the African Union/NEPAD African Action Plan for 2010-2015.

377. Several delegations voiced their appreciation for the contribution of the United Nations system to the preparations for the Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen in December 2009. Delegates noted that this support helped African countries in formulating an informed negotiating position for Africa, and would further strengthen Africa's common position in the follow-up discussions on global climate change during the sixteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held from 29 November to 10 December 2010 in Mexico.

378. Some delegations noted that, despite the progress being made in the implementation of NEPAD, gaps and challenges still remained in many African countries, including the need to scale up investments in regional infrastructure, increase agricultural productivity, address the adverse impacts of climate change, strengthen governance and further improve trade and market access for African countries. In that regard, the need for regional integration and economic diversification by African countries was stressed by delegations.

379. The need for adequate financial resources and capacity-building was underlined as a critical precondition for the implementation of NEPAD. Delegations alluded to the ongoing United Nations-African Union cooperation within the framework of the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union. Some delegations underlined the link between peace and development and welcomed the capacity-building support by the United Nations system to the African peace and security architecture. The critical role of civil society and the private sector in the implementation of NEPAD was also highlighted.

380. With regard to South-South cooperation, delegations stressed the importance of exchanging best practices and lessons learned among developing countries. They suggested that South-South cooperation initiatives should be mainstreamed into the United Nations system's support to NEPAD, with the participation of local authorities.

381. Delegations noted with concern the adverse impact of the global financial and economic crisis on Africa. They stressed the importance of advocacy by the United Nations system in general, and of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, in particular, in support of NEPAD. Moreover, delegations underlined the importance of donor accountability, predictability and coherence, especially as related to the commitments made at the Summit of the Group of Eight held at Gleneagles, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action. Delegations further noted the need for development partners to consider Africa as one continent in terms of their assistance.

Conclusions and recommendations

382. **The Committee welcomed the annual report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for NEPAD and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations in paragraphs 99 to 104 of the report.**

383. **The Committee recognized that the report of the Secretary-General outlined measures to respond to the previous calls to ensure that United Nations support for NEPAD moved from debate, assessments and recommendations to tangible action and results in respect of NEPAD projects across the African continent.**

384. **The Committee noted that many agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system had contributed to the current report of the Secretary-General in a coordinated way, with evidence of tangible results to address the development needs of Africa.**

385. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the organizations of the United Nations system to coordinate closely with the African Union Commission and its NEPAD structures, including the Regional Coordination Mechanism, in order to enhance overall coordination, monitoring and evaluation of all the development programmes and projects of all international development stakeholders.**

386. **The Committee recalled General Assembly resolutions 57/7 and 57/300, by which the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa was established, as well as recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subsequently endorsed by the Assembly in its resolutions 62/236, 63/260 and 64/243, urging the Secretary-General to urgently fill the vacant post of Under-Secretary-General in charge of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa. The Committee, once again, recommended that the post be filled, as mandated by the Assembly, without any further delay, in order to ensure adequate focus and direct responsibility for implementation of all activities undertaken in the context of United Nations support for NEPAD, the Africa agenda and the Millennium Development Goals through one dedicated office and, in that regard, requested the Secretary-General to report the outcome to the Assembly at the first resumed part of its sixty-fifth session.**

387. **The Committee stressed the lead role of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in the advocacy cluster of the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union and the broader mandate of the Economic Commission for Africa in promoting regional cooperation for the development of Africa, and in that regard urged close collaboration between the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Office at Nairobi, United Nations programmes in Nairobi and the African Union/United Nations office in Addis Ababa.**

388. **The Committee welcomed the political declaration on South-South cooperation adopted by the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in December 2009 in Nairobi, and reiterated the urgent need for the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to also pursue the principles underpinning South-South cooperation, as adopted by the High-level Conference, in addressing the serious challenges faced by African countries in achieving socio-economic growth and development.**

Chapter IV

Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Committee

389. In pursuance of paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee shall submit to the Council and to the Assembly, for their review, the provisional agenda for its fifty-first session, together with the required documentation.

390. In its decision 1983/163, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions were adopted, any request for documentation that exceeded the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources, and to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation was likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that dealt with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

391. The draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Committee is set out below. It has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative mandates and will be completed at the end of the present session in the light of the recommendations adopted by the Committee.

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 58/269 and 62/224);

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General

   (b) Evaluation;

   Documentation

   Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (General Assembly resolution 62/224)

   Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs: field special political missions led by the Department of Political Affairs but supported by the Department of Field Support (General Assembly resolution 63/247)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (General Assembly resolution 64/229).

4. Coordination questions:

   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;

   Documentation

   Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2010/11

   (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275).

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session.

Annex I

Agenda for the fiftieth session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
   (a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009;
   (b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013;
   (c) Evaluation.
4. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
   (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fiftieth session.

Annex II

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A/65/6	Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 Part one: plan outline
	Part two: biennial programme plan
A/65/6 (Prog. 1)	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management
A/65/6 (Prog. 2)	Political affairs
A/65/6 (Prog. 3)	Disarmament
A/65/6 (Prog. 4)	Peacekeeping operations
A/65/6 (Prog. 5)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/65/6 (Prog. 6)	Legal affairs
A/65/6 (Prog. 7)	Economic and social affairs
A/65/6 (Prog. 8)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/65/6 (Prog. 9)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/65/6 (Prog. 10)	Trade and development
A/65/6 (Prog. 11)	Environment
A/65/6 (Prog. 12) and Corr.1	Human settlements
A/65/6 (Prog. 13)	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice
A/65/6 (Prog. 14)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/65/6 (Prog. 15)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/65/6 (Prog. 16)	Economic development in Europe
A/65/6 (Prog. 17) and Corr.1	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/65/6 (Prog. 18)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/65/6 (Prog. 19)	Human rights
A/65/6 (Prog. 20)	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees
A/65/6 (Prog. 21)	Palestine refugees
A/65/6 (Prog. 22)	Humanitarian assistance
A/65/6 (Prog. 23)	Public information

A/65/6 (Prog. 24)	Management and support services
A/65/6 (Prog. 25)	Internal oversight
A/65/6 (Prog. 26)	Jointly financed activities
A/65/6 (Prog. 27)	Safety and security
A/65/70	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009
E/2010/69	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2009/2010 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))
E/AC.51/2010/1	Note by the Secretariat: annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2010/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-seventh session on the summary and addendum reports on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs (General Assembly resolutions 61/235 and 62/224)
E/AC.51/2010/3	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275)
E/AC.51/2010/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation
E/AC.51/2010/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)
E/AC.51/2010/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
E/AC.51/2010/L.4 and Add.1-32	Draft report of the Committee and addenda
E/AC.51/2010/CRP.1 and Add.1	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013: review of part two: biennial programme plan by sectoral, functional and regional bodies
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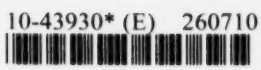

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